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Residents Evaluate Flood Map Impact

By Anne Kakley

Local officials and representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) met with Marion and Mattapoisett residents for an informational meeting regarding new flood plain maps, and their impact on flood insurance costs, at a November 10, 2011 meeting in the Old Rochester Regional cafeteria.

At the meeting, the public had the chance to learn more about why the flood plain maps had been changed and how they would be individually affected by changed zoning.

"[Flooding] could happen twice a month. It could happen once every 200 years," said FEMA coordination officer David Mendelsohn, who added that the last serious flooding event in Massachusetts took place during Hurricane Carol in 1954. Computers and topography allowed FEMA to better predict what they call the "one percent annual chance of flood", formally referred to as the "hundred year flood", he said.

According to FEMA representatives, flood zones are currently based on maps from 1968. "The science has really changed since 1968," said coastal engineer Brian Caulfield, who gave a technical presentation on wave "run-up", "propagation" and "overtopping" and how these risk factors reflected in the newly drafted maps.

"People think 'oh it's because of [Hurricane] Katrina'," said Mr. Caulfield of the new map project. "Really this started before Katrina ever happened."

According to Mr. Caulfield, the maps were

***Above**: Marion and Mattapoisett residents examine the new flood zones on the proposed FEMA maps, at an informational meeting on November 10, 2011. The new flood zones incorporate more properties, increasing rates for some and making flood insurance a new necessity for others. Photo by Anne Kakley.*

***On the Cover:** Under the direction of Will Poirier, the Marion Pack 32 held their annual Soapbox Derby on Sunday, November 13 on Holmes Street. All the dens built their own cars this year. Photo by Felix Perez.*

Triangle, a play by Laurie Brooks, is set against the backdrop of the historic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire of 1911. *Triangle* will be performed by the Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR) Drama Club, **November 17** through **20** in the high school auditorium. Tickets are $10 for students and seniors and $12 for adults. For more ticket information contact Lisa Cardoza at 508-758-6762. Photo by Samuel Resendes.

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originally released to the towns in 2008, but are still in the draft stage, pending final acceptance, which must be made by individual towns at their annual town meetings. "There is really not an advantage for towns to not adopt the maps," warned state NFIP coordinator Richard Zingarelli.

If towns choose to not accept the maps, they will not be eligible for the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and would be subject to private insurance rates that are not federally regulated, said FEMA officials.

In a question-and-answer session, some residents expressed frustration, saying that they still didn't understand how the maps would impact their insurance and ability to build upon or sell their homes.

"For some of you, there will be no change," said FEMA flood insurance specialist Lauren Pawlik. "Some of you may find out that you are no longer in an flood hazard area. Some in an A zone may be in a B zone. The most critical situation is those of you who don't have flood insurance who are now showing in a flood zone."

According to Ms. Pawlik, building regulations would change for people with homes in the flood and velocity zones, as they would be required to adhere to stricter regulations when building, adding onto homes, and rebuilding, even in the event of replacing a structure after a fire.

New regulations would require structures to a

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"free board" requirement, where the structure would have to be two feet above the flood elevation level. Additionally, basements would not be possible in velocity zones, with velocity construction requiring "breakaway" construction that would make a structure collapse on itself in the event of a devastating storm, to minimize damage to neighboring homes.

On the topic of "grandfathering" into old flood plain classifications, representatives advised residents to keep their current flood insurance policies in place to avoid being slapped with higher rates.

"Maintain your policy. Don't have a lapse in policy," said Ms. Pawlik, who added that grandfathered policies could be transferred to new buyers, but only at

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FEMA insurance policies cap out at $250,000, said officials; additional insurance over the $250,000 would have to be privately arranged.

The draft of FEMA flood plain maps are available for viewing at the Marion Town House and Mattapoisett Town Hall, and questions regarding elevation and impact should be directed to building commissioners Scott Shippey (Marion 508-748-3516) and Andrew Bobola (Mattapoisett 508-758-4100, ext. 9).

If the maps are not appealed, they could be in place by July 2012.

ORR Premieres *Triangle* in New England

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

For the first time in New England, the play Triangle will premiere – and the Tri-Town's very own Old Rochester Regional High School's drama club is putting on the production.

The play is channeling one of the sadder chapters in U.S. history – the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire of March 25, 1911 – that took the lives of 146 garment workers and later spurred critical movements for better safety standards and unionization of women. The main character of the play is a clairvoyant Latina named Malena – who lives in the present but hears the victims of the fire. She gets entangled in the story of sisters affected by the tragedy a century ago.

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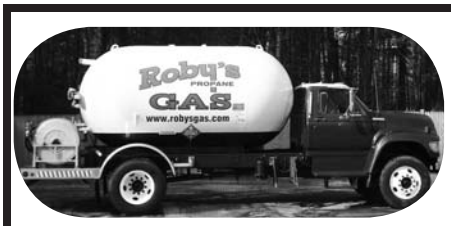

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ORR Theater Director Paul Sardinha learned about the play by accident, when reading about it in Dramatists Guild Magazine during a musical concert. At first he assumed the play had to do with homosexuals during the holocaust (who were required to wear triangles as identification) – but then he recalled seeing a film about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.

"It was a great play to do. It is brilliant," he said.

The play was written by Laurie Brooks to mark the 100th anniversary of the fire. It was first performed at Arizona State University, but the ORR performance will differ somewhat in how vividly it depicts the fire.

He said a projector will broadcast flames, but a screen will block the action of falling bodies. "The scene builds and builds. When they start jumping, it is quite strong to watch," he said.

Mr. Sardinha said the play dovetails history curricula at the school – and that many upperclassmen were already familiar with the fire.

Rachel Vincent, who is playing Sophie – one of the sisters impacted by the fire – said she learned about the tragedy last year in class.

"When we learned about fire, I asked myself how on earth something like this could have happened," she said. "Now that I'm telling the story, I love it. To act it out and feel what happened makes the understand the fire even more."

Megan Pierce, who is playing the character of

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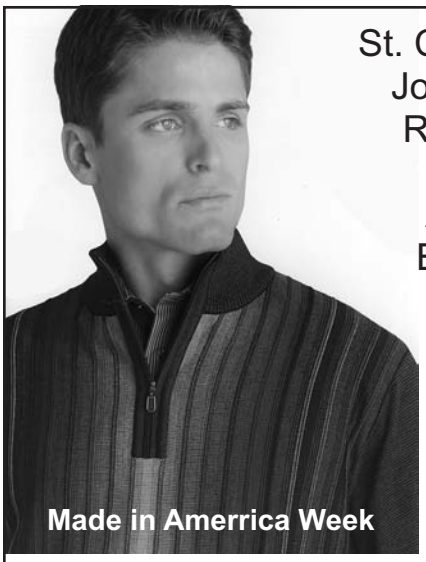
Malena, said she did a lot of research into Mexican culture and history to prepare for her role. Not only did she have to improve her Spanish – which is spoken in snippets during the play – but develop a greater cultural context in how to dress and act.

"[Mexican culture sees] things differently. Unlike us, they see ghosts as more friendly," she said of her clairvoyant character. As a self-described method actress with 10 ORR productions under her belt, Ms. Pierce said she spent a lot of time researching shows on psychics to really put herself in the role. Triangle is Ms. Pierce's first experience in a lead role.

"If I had to pick a show that I'd want to lead, this would be it," she said. "There is a great feeling with the



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show, a feeling that collectively the cast and crew all are on par." In total, 75 ORR students are participating in the production.

Triangle performances for the public are scheduled from Thursday, November 17 through Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $10 for students and seniors and $12 for adults, and are available at The Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett, The Marion General Store and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester. Tickets may also be available at the door. ORR is located on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. For more ticket information contact Lisa Cardoza at 508-758-6762.

New Director Introduces Turkey Trot

By Shawn Sweet

Looking to earn your Thanksgiving meal with a run?

The first annual Marion 5k Turkey Trot is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 10 am. The Turkey Trot is just one, among the many new programs introduced by Marion Recreation Department's Director, Jody Dickerson since he assumed the role of director last February.

In less than a year's time, Mr. Dickerson's ambitious venture has been well received. "I've had great support from the residents, program participants

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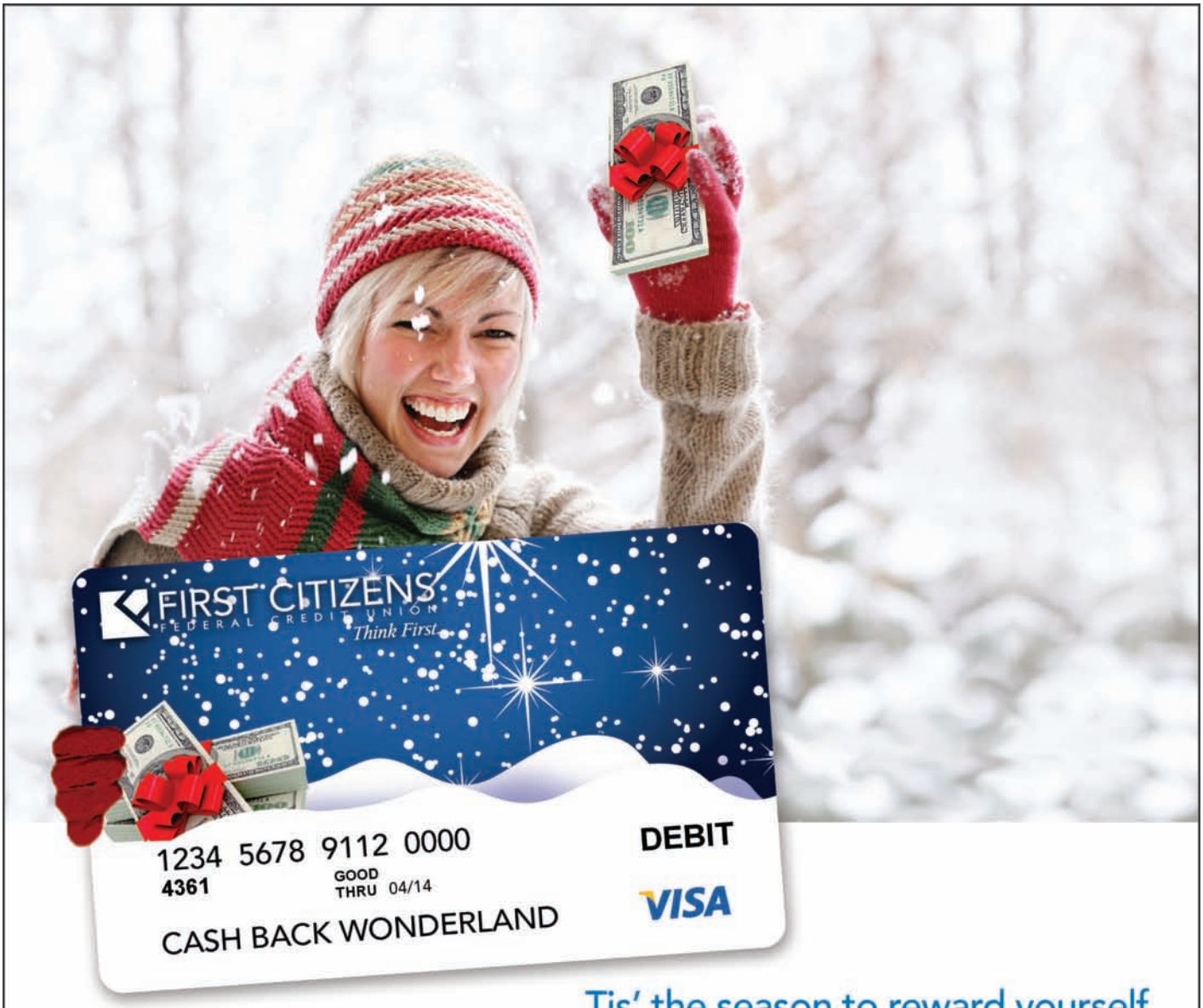

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and town officials," said Mr. Dickerson. "My goal is to increase community involvement. I want to increase the amount of programs and I want to make the existing programs better, [and] have more available for all age groups. So far it's gone very well."

Mr. Dickerson's enthusiasm is evident and is shared by those participating in his programs. He encouraged his staff to approach beach goers with more face to face conversation and less bull horn. "The beach is supposed to be fun," said Mr. Dickerson.

"Camp Silvershell was a huge success over the summer," said Mr. Dickerson. The camp was a daily beach program for school aged children, packed with fun sand and water activities. Camp Silvershell will be held again in 2012.

Mr. Dickerson is well rooted in Marion, as he was born as raised in the town. During the 1990s, he served on the Marion Recreation Commission, was a town selectman, and a Marion police officer. Although he moved to New Hampshire, he eventually returned to Marion.

Recently, Mr. Dickerson started an all girls basketball league. "When it was co-ed, the numbers for girls were way down, probably due to the intimidation factor of playing with the boys. Now with the league, consisting of 4, 5 and 6 graders, there are 35 girls on the roster. There are even still a few who continued on in the co-ed league," he said.

In store for February and April vacations are vacation camps to be held at Sippican School. "Marion Recreation is really a continuation of school," said Mr. Dickerson. Activities will primarily be indoors and enrollment will be limited. "I'm hoping for a trip to the movies in Wareham at Flagship Cinemas, as well as a trip to an indoor pool at either Mass Maritime or UMass.

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We've got to keep kids busy. Plus, it's the stuff they'll look back at and remember." Looking forward to next summer, Mr. Dickerson is working with Tom Gelson to organize a Triathlon.

A third of the Marion Recreation's budget is generated through fundraising and fees. Respectably, Mr. Dickerson has still managed to maintain affordability for residents, so those who want to participate can. "We're trying to keep fees for programs reasonable. We're not in it to make money. We're just trying to cover expenses."

While living in New Hampshire, Mr. Dickerson participated in the Main Street Organization of Business Owners. "They did a Turkey Trot every year and I thought it would be a great opportunity to introduce it to Marion,"

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said Mr. Dickerson. Marion's Turkey Trot course follows the same route as the Marion Village Run, an annual 5k that takes place every June. Mr. Dickerson also organized the Village 5k when serving on the recreation commission.

Currently, there are 265 registered for the Turkey Trot. "We're expecting at least the same amount if not more for walk-ins, of course weather depending. It should be a lot of fun," said Mr. Dickerson.

For more information on the Turkey Trot registration and other Marion Recreation programs, visit www.MarionRecreation.com.

ORR Teachers Picket School

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

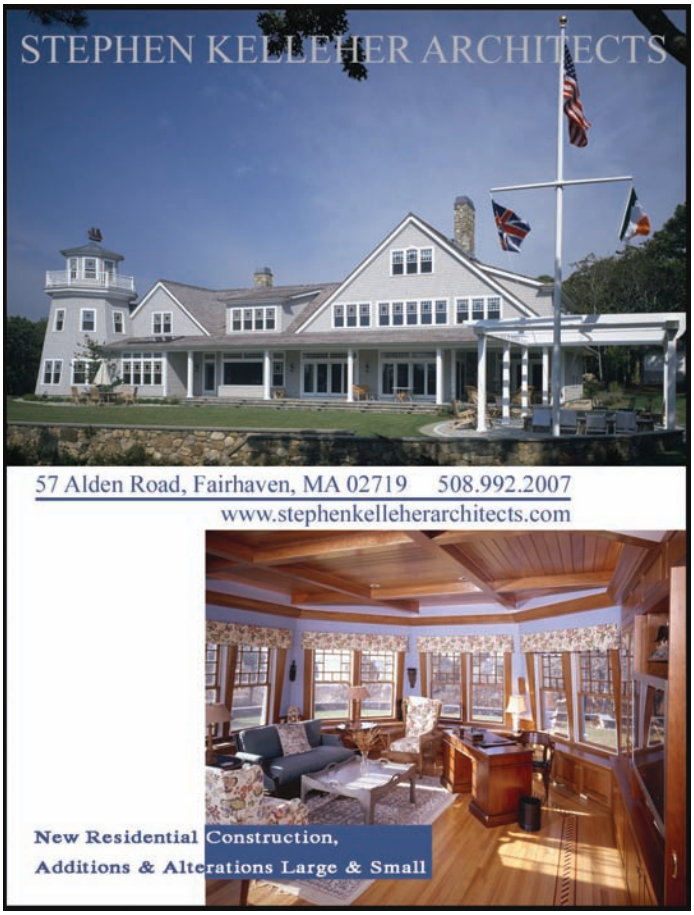
With contract negotiations at a standstill, about 80 members of the Old Rochester Professional Educators Association (ORPEA) picketed in front of the high school before classes on Friday, November 4.

While neither the school committee nor ORPEA leaders would discuss the specific points of contention, School Committee Chairman Peter Bangs said that a difference of opinion on proper compensation, such as wages and health care reimbursement, is breaking down the talks.

The average salary of ORR teachers is $64,649 (for 2009-2010 school year), compared to $68,781 for the state – according to the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Currently ORR teachers' health insurance is reimbursed at 80 percent, compared to 50 percent for Marion and Rochester elementary school teachers and 75 percent for Mattapoisett educators.

The ORR teachers' three-year contract originally expired on August 31 – but the lack of consensus prompted the school committee to extend it for 60 days to October 31. However, the sense of urgency the school committee had hoped would bring about compromise did not happen – and now it has petitioned the Division of Labor to supply an impartial mediator to help both sides reach an agreement.

"It is our hope that an impartial professional mediator will help both sides work towards an agreement that fairly compensates our excellent teachers but does



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not dismantle the programs and opportunities for students that make ORR such a great school system," Dr. Bangs said.

But ORPEA feels such a move was premature, and plans to continue picketing in the hope of bringing the committee back to the bargaining table

"It was a unilateral filing for mediation," said ORPEA Co-President Colin Everett, commenting that resorting to arbitration is very rare. "We don't feel we are at an impasse."

Dr. Bangs, however, said that despite 20 negotiation sessions over the past year – the school and teachers are failing to make headway and help is needed.

"The school committee recognizes that each side in this negotiation believes that the other side is being unreasonable, and we fear that continued face-to-face arguing will only serve to drive a wedge between the teachers' union and the school committee," Dr. Bangs said. He commended the teachers' hard work but said that the compensation they receive is not aligned with the fiscal reality the district is facing.

"We have reached the point where further cuts will begin to noticeably affect the quality of the program that we are now able to offer to our children, and the school committee is trying its best to maintain what we believe is a very high quality education at ORR," he said.

Mr. Everett said that the teachers are well aware of the financial constraints the district is facing. "We're

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cognizant of the economic climate we live in," he said.

However, he said the teachers deserve to be compensated for their hard work, which has paid off in the form of various recognitions. He cited Boston Magazine's naming of the district as one of the best in the commonwealth, and noted that the College Board recognized the high school for its high number of students taking Advanced Placement courses.

"We are one of the top ranked school districts in Massachusetts, and we want ORR to be able to continue to attract and retain talented educators to sustain this history of excellence," said Terry Dall, stating one of ORPEA's talking points it is bringing to the picket line.

Both Mr. Everett and Ms. Dall stress that the picketing is taking place before school hours, and will not affect their jobs as educators.

"Clearly, this is not a work to rule situation, just a show of unity in response to the unsettled contract," Ms. Dall said. "We are still staying for extra help, writing letters of recommendation and volunteering for student activities."

"We want to keep students as far from this as possible," echoed Mr. Everett, saying that teachers will not discuss these issues in class. "Being professional is important. We keep these worlds separate."

Superintendent Doug White did not comment on the matter as he said it is strictly between the school committee and ORPEA.

Asphalt Plant Decision Months Away

Rochester Board of Appeals

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Almost one year has passed since Edgewood Development first submitted its proposal to build a bituminous concrete plant in northeastern Rochester – but

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the fate of the plant will remain up in the air for at least several more months.

The Rochester Planning Board approved the construction of the plant last May, but the swift appeal by residential and commercial abutters prevented Edgewood from getting the necessary building permit to proceed. Now the matter is before the Zoning Board of Appeals – who at its November 10 meeting voted to continue two related hearings until February 9, 2012 to give them time to review months of material submitted to the Planning Board prior to its decision.

Both Edgewood Development and petitioners of the appeal said that instead of rehashing all of the issues on the plant's possible impacts presented during the six

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months of Planning Board hearings–the ZBA should digest the material on their own to shorten their decision rendering process.

"We are hopeful that the board will rely on what's already in the record," said Benjamin Tymann of Mintz Levin, who is representing the abutters. He noted that 11 hearings took place leading up to the Planning Board's decision, and they included extensive expert testimony on both sides related to the plant's potential impacts on traffic, noise, lighting and the property value of two adjoining residential neighbors.

ZBA Chairman Robert Cutler promised to be "efficient and fair as possible" and the board unanimously agreed on continuing the hearing to February next year.

Both sides did take time to present to the ZBA the basics of their arguments for and against Edgewood's bituminous plant, which would be built on a 5-acre site off Kings Highway in the industrial sector of Rochester. Members of the Planning Board, Town Planner John Charbonneau, and petitioners of the appeal including residential abutters Michael and Carol D'Acci all were present at the hearing.

Abutter attorney Mr. Tymann outlined the basic arguments of the appeal, which in essence assert that the plant violates a Rochester Town Industrial District bylaw that states that manufacturing and industrial uses are allowed "providing no such use is permitted which would be detrimental or offensive or tend to reduce property values in the same or adjoining district."

He cited evidence presented by his real estate appraisal expert Webster Collins of CB Richard Ellis that increased truck traffic, noise impacts, visual impacts and "stigma" would reduce abutting residential property values.

"There is a 28 percent reduction based solely on noise," he said. "It is beyond debate that there will be some reduction of property value… We felt we had a slam dunk case."

Mr. Tymann went on to point out that any delay exceeding 21 minutes of trucks going through the proposed site would cause spillage onto Kings Highway, presenting pedestrian and vehicular safety concerns.

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"For some reason [Edgewood] tried to pack this asphalt plant into a small site… Most asphalt plants are on large parcels, and to try to cram one on a five--acre site is unprecedented, and highly unusual," he added.

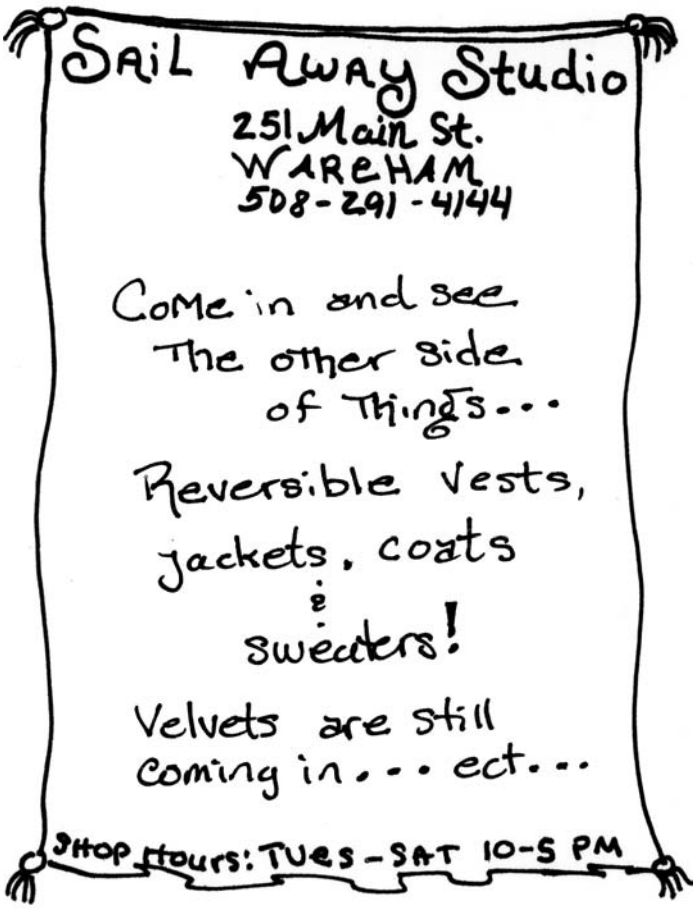
He also said that the Planning Board "stuck their heads in the sand" by assuming Edgewood would handle lighting spillage and traffic problems without the company providing adequate evidence.

Tim Higgins, VP of Edgewood Development, offered his counterpoint that the plant is appropriate for Rochester's 640-acre industrial zone. He said that aside from the two homes, "it is not a mixed neighborhood," pointing out that the Rochester Bituminous plant and SEMASS reside in the vicinity of the proposed plant.

He also noted that one of the two immediate residential abutters – the Millet family – successfully sold their home for $245,000 during the past few months.

"We have had a detailed discussion of every criteria in all 14 areas and how we fulfilled it… and we have a detailed plan to how we'll comply with [Department of Environmental Protection] standards," Mr. Higgins said. A 15.5-foot high fence and evergreen screening will reduce noise levels, and the plant will be 40 feet within property lines, he said.

"We have far exceeded screening and buffering requirements of the bylaw," Mr. Higgins concluded, ultimately asking the board to endorse the Planning Board decision.



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The ZBA now will review packets of material to get up to speed on all testimony related to the case. Michael D'Acci, a direct abutter present at the meeting, said he was happy with the proceedings "so far."

"But it's still going to be a long time before the decision," he said.

MCAS Scores High, but Gaps in Growth

ORR District School Committee

Laura Fedak Pedulli

The majority of Old Rochester Regional (ORR) High School students met the advanced and proficient thresholds in Biology, English Language Arts and Mathematics in their MCAS scores – but they are not keeping pace in growth compared to peers across the state, it was revealed at the November 9 ORR school committee meeting.

"The message is high achievement but we are really going to work on the growth model," reported Principal Michael Devoll.

High school students across ORR particularly excelled at Biology, showing growth from 72 percent at the advanced/proficient level in 2010 to 81 percent in 2011.

"We've made a lot of progress in Biology by bringing curriculum in line with the state and sending staff up to trainings," he said.

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are advanced/proficient while 86 demonstrated proficiency and above in math. As high as these numbers are, student growth in English Language Arts was 42 percent compared to demographically alike peer across the state, while Math was at 39 percent. The Math growth fell below the state target of 40 to 60 percent.

Of particular concern is that 29 percent of students scored very low growth in math.

Despite these numbers, Mr. Devoll said the high school is still making its Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks, as it has since 2004. However, he said the proficiency rate must reach 95 percent to remain in this position for next year.

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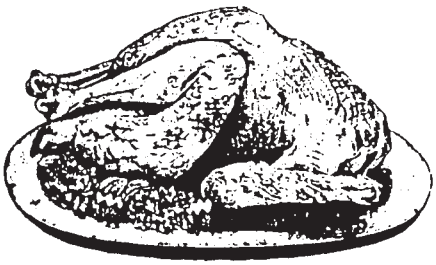

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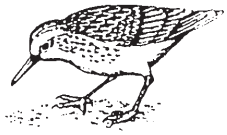

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Mr. Devoll said new assessment technology called Galileo would provide teachers with more data on individual students so appropriate interventions can be made before MCAS testing time to get them on track.

In other news, Superintendent Doug White announced a prestigious recognition bestowed onto the school due to its high number of students taking Advanced Placement courses. He said the College Board recently formally recognized ORR as one of 400 schools in the country as excelling in their AP program. The high school has increased the number of students since 2009 taking AP classes from 41 to 79 percent while maintaining the number of students receiving 3 or higher (passing grade) on the test from 95 percent to 84 percent.

Mr. White said that he is proud of the achievement, with Chairman Peter Bangs commenting on the "compelling" evidence showing the impact of AP classes on students' future graduate rates and performances in college.

At the meeting, the board also put their stamp of approval on a new practice that limits how much students can charge to their NutriKids account, a point-of-sale program implemented last year that allows students to purchase lunch with a four-digit code. Essentially students cannot charge more than unpaid three lunches to their cards, and if they exceed that amount they will be offered a cheese and peanut butter sandwich and milk for 50 cents.

District Food Service Director Caitlin Meagher said that debts have spiked to about $2,000 during the past month for unpaid lunches, necessitating the new practice to control the issue. She said a handful of students have $60 in debt because they have not paid for lunch at all this school year. She did send out 200 letters to families with students with debts.

"It's a problem. It's the flipside of Nutrikids we hadn't really anticipated," said Business Administrator Katie Isernio. She said research into how other districts have handled the issue helped staff craft the practice. Staff also will meet with each student individually who are having problems, and all students will be reminded that free and reduced lunch is available for financially strained families.

Mr. Devoll said that he anticipates that the new practice will have immediate results. "None of the kids want to eat a peanut butter or cheese sandwich… I expect the checks to come in the next day."

Overall, the school lunch program is making strides under the new food director. She has cut $10,000 in spending by increasing coordination between managers, tightening purchasing and replacing some plastic containers with deli wrap. This September the program brought in $60,337 compared to $47,781 to last year.

"We are in the positive and looking a lot better than last year," she said, reporting that the school's profit in September was $6,522.

In facilities, the board approved $7,790 to fix damage caused by a major water leak near the student restrooms. Facilities Director Steve Murphy said the cause of the leak was mismatched steel clamp on a copper line – which was discovered after removing 8-feet of wall. The rebuilt wall will be made with waterproof fiberglass material to prevent mold risk, he said.

In other matters:

• The Board approved a yard sale that will help support a student-trip to Rome. The date has not yet been set.

• The Board appointed Nick Decas to a subcommittee that will examine a recent needs assessment of the food service program.

• Principal Devoll said that two openings are currently available through School Choice, and said that he is open to expanding the number of slots next year.

• Mr. White announced that the public meeting on the 2012/2013 budget is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012.

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Prior to town meeting, it was uncertain if the petitioner George Randall would withdraw the prohibitive article or amend it. As a result of concerns expressed by Town Counsel David Jenkins and Town Moderator Jack Eklund, Mr. Randall chose to withdraw the article on town meeting floor.

"I wrote this article," said Mr. Randall. "[The article has] so many problems and we cannot take a binding vote… so at this time, I would like to withdraw."

"There are significant concerns about the legal form of the warrant article [that] could result in legal action against the town and it could be an illegal procedure," said Mr. Eklund, who asked Atty. Jenkins to give a clarification on how the article would expose the town to legal ramifications.

"On a strictly legal basis… I had initially advised the Board of Selectmen that I had concerns regarding the verbage… that the article did not fairly and adequately inform the public [of its impact]," said Atty. Jenkins, who added that the authority to grant or deny aquaculture permitting resided with the Board of Selectmen and not Town Meeting.

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if the article could be amended, but Mr. Eklund said that any article regarding aquaculture banning or moratoriums from town meeting would not be valid or binding based on Atty. Jenkin's counsel.

"There is nothing that town meeting can legally do in regards to this matter," said Mr. Eklund.

An additional aquaculture article, placed on the warrant by the selectmen, asked town meeting members to create a home rule petition that would allow the town raise an aquaculture licensing fee from $25 per acre to $200 per acre. The change was reflective of inflation rates since 1973, the last time the aquaculture fee schedule was changed in Massachusetts. Currently, Massachusetts has a cap of $25 per acre for aquaculture permitting, and towns

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are not allowed to exceed that limit unless a home rule petition is passed.

"I don't think there's anything we pay for today that is the same cost as in 1973," said Selectman Silva, who had spearheaded the home rule petition at a selectmen meeting over the summer. By Selectman's Silva's estimate, the price of oysters and scallops had increased 600 percent and 300 percent respectively. "We can't do anything about it unless it's changed," he said.

Resident Carly Larson expressed concern that until the home rule petition was accepted at the state level, the town would be forced to "subsidize" private enterprise.

"Can we assume that until aquaculture fees are raised, we will not be giving out any more aquaculture licenses?" asked Joyce Almeida. "It does not sound like a fiscally sound arrangement for the town when it's going to costing the taxpayers money."

"I don't think we could deny someone a license based on that," replied Selectman Silva. "I think we would be sued."

"I'd like to speak in favor of the petition," said resident Bob Field, one of two aquaculture permit holders in town. "I think it's reasonable for fees to keep up with the times."

The home rule petition was accepted by the town meeting, and will be sponsored by State Representative William Straus for acceptance at state level.

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The majority of the remaining town meeting articles asked voters to approve paying for unforeseen expenses, such as $50,000 for post-Tropical Storm Irene clean-up and funding for a new snow plow truck. Other articles asked the town meeting to place free cash in stabilization funds to meet the town's goal of having 10 percent of the operational budget in stabilization.

Upon request from resident John DeCosta, the articles were also prefaced with reasons why they were presented at special town meeting and could not wait until annual town meeting.

"My frustration is the size of this warrant," said Mr. DeCosta. "I agree that some of this is probably legitimate. But I'd like the Board of Selectmen to tell me

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why this is legitimate tonight."

Some town meeting members expressed concerned that too many special town meeting articles were relying on free cash.

"I've been coming to town meeting for over 50 years," said resident Brad Hathaway. "In the old days, free cash was returned to the tax payers of the town. This has not been the case for quite a long time now… Many of you can remember when free cash was used to reduce the tax rate. Some of it yes, was used for emergencies. Free cash was extended at annual town meeting, not special town meeting."

Selectman Paul Silva informed Mr. Hathaway that only 20 percent of the town's $723,000 in free cash was being requested for operational purposes on the warrant, and $360,000 was being redirected to stabilization funds to improve the town's bond ratings and improve its credit score.

"Supposed free cash," said Mr. Hathaway. "I call it over-taxation. I don't like the term 'free cash' – it makes people think it's coming from trees… what do people in this town have to do to get free cash returned to the people?"

"I do agree with Mr. Hathaway. Free cash does not grow on trees," said Selectman Silva. "We look at prior years… we're fortunate. In Fiscal Year 2011, we received approximately $200,000 more in revenues." Selectman Silva said that the Board earmarked funds for

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projects that couldn't wait until spring.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne called predicting free cash and altering tax rates based on free cash totals "tricky fiscal business".

Included in the warrant, town meeting also voted:

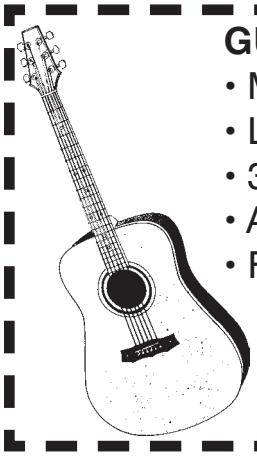
- To authorize $12,384 to pay prior year legal expenses.
- Accepted River Bend Lane as a public way.
- Established a revolving fund for kiln upkeep at the local schools.
- Approved additional connections to the Mattapoisett Neck Road sewer extension.
- Approved a request for proposals for landfill land to be leased for solar panels to supply electricity to the town.
- Approved $30,000 for air conditioning repair at the police department.
- Approved $2,500 to spray shade trees in the village against defoliating insects.
- Accepted an easement with legal description from the Reservation Golf Club, as voted at the May 2011 annual town meeting, for the Bike Path.

For a full list of results from Mattapoisett's special town meeting, please visit www.Wanderer.com.

Expert: Coalition "Overestimated" Leak

Marion Board of Selectmen
By Laura Fedak Pedulli

A report from Buzzards Bay Coalition last spring spurred concern that the lagoons at Marion's



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municipal wastewater treatment plant were leaking and causing a significant infusion of nitrogen into the ground and surrounding bodies of water. The coalition had recommended that the town spend $3.2 million to put geotextile fabric lining in the lagoons to prevent spillage and add special barriers to reduce nitrogen before it reaches local harbors.

However, an engineering firm hired by the town to review the findings concluded that the coalition "overestimated" the nitrogen load leeching into the groundwater from the plant's 20 acres of lagoons – and failed to take into account other potential nitrogen sources. A group of residents packed the Town House conference room at the Selectmen's November 15 meeting to hear the report by CDM engineer Shawn Syde and water expert Bernadette Kolb.

Ms. Kolb said that the Buzzards Bay Coalition's findings are based on faulty assumptions – calling its estimation that one-inch per day is leaking from the lagoons as unreasonable.

"That's the equivalent of one-half million gallons per day. It's hard for me to understand how the treatment plant's lagoons could be leaking one-half million gallons per day while it is receiving one-half million gallons per day," Ms. Kolb said. She said the town's 1,700 homes do not produce enough waste to generate that kind of output – and recommended that more studies be conducted to get better data.

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She also said that data on lagoon level fluctuation is constant, contradicting the coalition's assertion of significant daily leakage. Again, she recommended acquiring better data.

Ms. Kolb also claimed that the Coalition failed to take into account attenuation of nitrogen as it travels from the lagoons to the harbor. "The report does not discuss the reduction of nitrogen as it traverses the land," she said, adding that the Coalition's claim that the contaminated groundwater heads in the direction of Sippican Harbor need reconsideration.

Both experts assured Selectmen that the wastewater treatment facility utilizes some of the most recently technology and significantly reduces nitrogen levels in effluent.

Mr. Syde said the plant whittles down the concentration of nitrogen to 3 milligrams per liter. "It is very, very low," he said. Raw sewage nitrogen content is typically 35 milligrams per liter, he explained.

"You provide excellent treatment for the sewage in your community," Ms. Kolb said.

While the experts reported some high nitrogen levels near the facility, they said the amount is "pretty typical" in an industrial area. Ms. Kolb said that the Coalition's findings of high nitrogen in certain wells, which happen to be behind a composting facility, make sense and are unrelated to the wastewater treatment plant.

To that end, CDM offered its formal recommendations to collect more data and investigate other sources of nitrogen to put the "lagoon contributions in context." Ms. Kolb said some sources could be on-site septic systems, fertilizers, animal wastes, stormwater runoff and boat waste. Overall, CDM recommended that the town determine if leakage from the untreated effluent in the lagoons have potential impacts to groundwater and

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Following the report, Coalition of Buzzards Bay's Mark Rasmussen thanked CDM for the presentation, and offered to work with the firm and the Selectmen to iron out their differences. However, he cautioned that too much data collection and research would postpone action to handle the leakage.

"It's all a game of estimating. I would hope that we don't do so much estimating that we don't actually work on the issue," he said.

"Once we get hands wrapped the problem, the collaboration is appreciated. But we don't want to overreact and spend the public's money," said Chairman Jonathan Henry.

In other meeting news, Town Administrator Paul Dawson received approval to hire a part-time Grant Writer, to be compensated $22 to $25 per hour, to assist with his department. The board also formally supported the creation of a seven-member Town House advisory committee – including members from the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Capital Improvement Committee and Citizens at large, and Mr. Dawson. The committee will discuss, vet and report recommendations to the Selectmen on how to proceed with required renovation and replacement work for the Town House, Mr. Dawson said.

The board also announced that Selectman Henry was elected Vice Chairman of the SRPEDD Commission,

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In other business:

• The board approved the appointment of Student Officer Jeffrey Habicht as a full-time Police Officer.

• Police Chief Lincoln Miller notified the board that FEMA is set to reimburse about $85,000, or 75 percent of costs associated with Hurricane Irene damage.

• The board denied an ambulance abatement request from Andrew Godfrey.

• The board approved the transfer of an organ – donated to the Town House over a decade ago – to the Sippican School music department.

In future business, the board approved the continuation of a Board of Assessors classification hearing to Wednesday, November 30, at 4:00 pm.

Conservation Restriction Forms Approved

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Paul Lopes

At a regular meeting held by the Rochester Conservation Commission on November 15, 2011 the board approved a request for a certificate of compliance from Stephen and Isabel Shilling for their property on Walnut Plain Road. The request was in regard to an order of conditions from 2000 for use of the property as an equine facility.

Rick Charron of Charron Associates representing James Welch, met with the board regarding Mr. Welch's property on Neck Road. The board at the previous meeting had reviewed the property and Mr. Welch sought permission to install a well and septic system within the buffer zone of Snipatuit Pond for the existing cottage and a future home. The board also had concerns about the possibility of termites on the property and what pesticides might be used as the property is so close to the pond. After review, the board approved the project to move forward with the condition that Mr. Welch provide the board with information regarding any pesticides or fungicides to be used on the property as well as a plan of application for approval by the board prior to use.

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Allen Decker the Director of Land Protection for Buzzards Bay Coalition who presented three Conservation Restrictions for review. The first property reviewed was the Dufficy-Lawrence Tract off Hartley Road, which included an island on Snow's Pond. The proposal was to allow the owner continued use of the seasonal home while protecting the aquifer of the Mattapoisett watershed and over 2,000 feet of frontage on Snow's Pond.

The second parcel was a 10.78-acre lot on Wolf Island Road which the town approved for purchase at the last Annual Town Meeting. The request was to transfer the Conservation Restrictions to the Town of Fairhaven who has municipal wells on an adjacent property in Mattapoisett.

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The third property was the Old Haskell Farm on Walnut Plain Road owned by Ben Gilman. The property restrictions would include a building envelope for the structures of the property limiting the total square footage of those structures to 5,000 square feet.

The board approved all three Municipal Certification Forms for these Conservation Restrictions.

After signing permits and administrative housekeeping the board moved onto new business. Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon brought up the subject of looking into a conservation property access way to Leonard's Pond on property owned by the Town of Rochester. Ms. Farinon said that the board could look into setting up a small parking area and canoe/kayak access with the assistance of state funds. The first step to seeking state funding is exploring ownership of the pond. The board agreed to have Ms. Farinon look into the matter.

The board then discussed the Town Forrest management, which would include marking and cutting trees in the Town Forrest at the end of the next year. Chairwoman Rosemary Smith expressed a concern to make sure the public was well educated about the matter and that a buffer zone was set up on the areas that boarded homes and neighborhoods.

The last item on the agenda was a notice that the contract had come back from the state for the Buzzards Bay NEP GIS Grant which provided $15,000 to scan and apply wetlands maps for the Town of Rochester.

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BBC Conservation Request Questioned

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

With three new members onboard, the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission dealt with a series of issues at their Monday evening meeting, including a walk-in presentation by Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) regarding a proposed conservation restriction involving an 18 acre parcel which fronts the Mattapoisett River.

The conservation restriction involves land in Mattapoisett and Rochester, which contains the drinking water aquifer used by the town of Fairhaven. The Town of Fairhaven was awarded a Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant, along with a Fairhaven Community Preservation Act Funds grant of $254,200 to permanently protect 59 acres of land along New Boston Road in the Mattapoisett River Drinking Water Aquifer area. The land involves land in the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

Mr. Decker was seeking the board's signature on a document, which would show Mattapoisett's "municipal certification", or agreement, for the conservation restriction.

According to committee member Mr. Dawicki, Henry Huttleston Rogers, an advocate for Fairhaven, lobbied and secured legislation, to assure that Fairhaven would have access to the aquifer located in the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester over a hundred years ago.

Mr. Decker said that initially, the conservation restriction would be held by the town of Fairhaven and the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) would be the land owner of the parcel.

The next step would have the BBC turning over the land to the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester. The land could be used "passively" for recreational activities, protection of critical habitat and, primarily, for protection of drinking water supply for Fairhaven.

"I'm not comfortable signing this without reviewing this in detail," said board members Bob Rogers, who said that this was the first time seeing the documents. "I'd like to confer with Nick (William Nicholson, Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Superintendent) before moving forward." Other board members agreed.

"What is a million gallons of water worth?" asked board member Peter Newton. "Let's understand what we are signing."

In other business, Paul and Jayne St. Pierre presented a Request for Determination to decrease the grade on a hill with addition of fill and to reconstruct stairs at 25 Main Street.

Three individuals came to voice opinions regarding the fill deposited around and about the property, including Steven Kelleher who spoke on behalf of the Mattapoisett Pathways/Bike Committee who said that the fill was adjacent to the proposed pathway and was on town property and would present a water

flow issue on the pathway, to be built in 2013. Two other abutters were present, with one saying that fill was put on land owned by the town.

After reviewing information submitted, the board determined that the St. Pierre's had filled in an area on abutting property, owned by the town.

The St. Pierre's admitted to starting their project prior to approval by the conservation committee.

The St. Pierre's withdrew their application and were instructed to work with the town to remediate the fill they placed on town property.

A Request for Determination by William Durbin to raze and rebuild an accessory building in compliance with flood zone requirements was continued because none of the parties attended the meeting.

In other matters, a duplicate certificate of compliance was issued to Michael LaBossiere for recording purposes.

The board also signed both the Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement with regard to the Superseding Order of Conditions issued to Greta Fox for the subdivision at Pine Island Road.

In final business, the board elected Peter Newton to be Chairman of the committee.

ConCom Approves Dwelling Razing

Marion Conservation Commission

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

At a meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission on Wednesday, November 9, a Notice of Intent by Gary Parsons, 13 Shady Lane, Dexter Beach to raze the dwelling and construct a new dwelling and driveway was approved.

Another appointment was for an Order of Conditions by Dola Stemberg of 85 Moorings Road to raze and reconstruct the dwelling and garage and the addition of a pool house.

The new property owner, Susan Domolky and Susan Nilson, CLE Engineering spoke to the board and presented revised plans dated November 3, 2011. The applicant proposed a revised gas line, which will run down a clearing formerly used for float storage. The line is in the AE flood zone, but not in the buffer zone to the wetland area.

Other proposed changes included a new foundation instead of using the existing one. The new foundation and home will comply with the new requirements dictated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A proposed pool on the property was discussed and Ms. Domolky said that she was unsure if the pool would be salt water based. "We're leaning that way because there are fewer chemicals and less maintenance," said Ms. Domolky.

In other matters, two full certificates of

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compliance were issued to Gregory Koss of 32 Beach Street for rebuilding a dwelling that had been destroyed by fire and for replicating wetlands that were impacted when building and rebuilding the dwelling.

Joseph Duggan of 17 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach was issued a full certificate of compliance for extending a pier and setting a ramp, a float and four support piles. Annmarie Levins and Linda Severin of 53 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach were issued a third three-year extension permit to eradicate phragmites. Ellen Bowler Trust of 33 Each Avenue, Planting Island was issued a full certificate of compliance for maintaining and improving a pier by replacing the decking, railings and stringers, and repairing the stone supports. Minutes of the October 13 and 26, 2011 meetings were approved with minor changes.

Second Annual Bulldog Dash

School Report

By Anne Smith

It's time for the return of Old Rochester Regional's annual Bulldog Dash, a healthy race for members of the Tri-Town community that simultaneously raises funds for the high school. The tradition of hosting an annual race event for various age groups on the Old Rochester Regional High School campus began last year, when the school had to institute for the first time student activity fees, which targeted students involved in

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extra-curricular activities, clubs, and sports teams. This fee, which is $100 per student (regardless of how many activities in which he or she partakes) was introduced to meet the demands of the budget. The school raises money through race entry fees, and cuts the student activity fee proportionally. Last year, the Bulldog Dash raised enough money to cut the student activity fee in half. This year, the school hopes to meet or exceed that.

Scheduled for Saturday, November 26, the Bulldog Dash will consist of three races. There will be a 100-yard dash for preschool children, a quarter-mile track race for elementary school children (K-6), and a 2-mile race through the complete Old Rochester Regional campus for all ages. There is a non-competitive 2-mile

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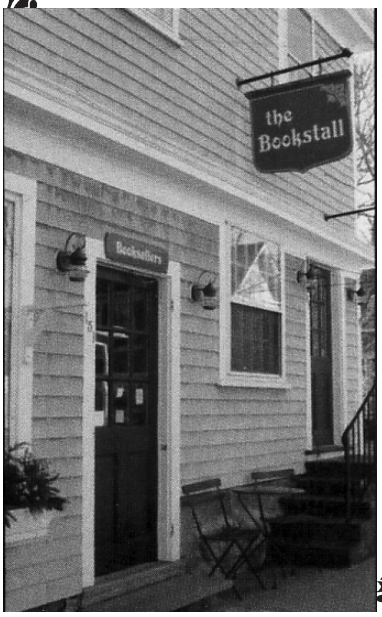

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walk that runs concurrently with the 2-mile race (subject to the same entry fees). Students are asked to register in only one race. The races for children are scheduled to begin at 9:30 am, and the main race will begin at 11:00 am. It is important to note that race-day registration will close a half-hour prior to the start of each race.

Like last year, there will be cash prizes available to the best runners of each gender in each age group (and for the quarter-mile track race, each grade). All preschool participants will receive a prize. First place is worth $100, second place is worth $50, and third place is worth $25.

The entry fees for children in the 100-yard dash and quarter-mile track race are $10.00 and the entry fee for the main race is $15 if you register online using the website for JB Race Management (www.jabrace.com). You can also register through the mail by printing the application from the Old Rochester Regional High School website, although the mail-in entry fee is $20. If you wait to register until race day, your entry fee will be $25. Checks must be made payable to ORR Drama, and you must write ORR Road Race in the memo section. After the race is completed, the ORR Drama Club will be donating the money raised to the ORR Extracurricular Activities Fund. Shortly after that, the school will announce how much students will have to pay in order to continue with their activities.

On race day, you can expect the revelation of this year's t-shirt, which was designed by a student at the

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high school as part of a competition. The entire student body voted for the winning design during school lunches. Volunteers will also be available throughout the school campus on race day to hand out complimentary water and food.

Importantly, participants are asked to refrain from bringing baby strollers, dogs, or inline skates to the race. Questions about the race may be directed to the race director, Ms. Jessica Stewart. Her phone number is 508-758-2772, extension 1422, and you can also contact her by emailing orr-roadrace@orr.mec.edu. The school hopes to see you there on race day in support of the students!

Hard Victories, Harder Losses

Sports Shorts

By India Krawczyk

Old Rochester Field Hockey – Regrettably, ORR suffered a loss to Harwich this week in a tense and close game that ended with a score of 2-1 after Harwich scored the winning goal later in the game. While this brings the season to a close for the Field Hockey girls, they end with an undefeated season and a theme of overcoming odds despite injury. Senior **Sarah Marchisio** was back in the game this season after tearing her ACL last year and being unable to play. Senior Goalie **Cassie Helmar** sustained a concussion earlier in the season, which enabled freshman **Hannah Cormier** to step up and take that position for ORR. Senior **Julia Dugan** also was out for most of her

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season due to mono, but was able to finish off the season playing well for her team. The season may have ended for the Field Hockey girls, but their success this year will no doubt be remembered in years to come.

Old Rochester Girls Soccer – The girl's soccer team unfortunately ended their season earlier this week with a 5-1 loss to Randolph. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs were eliminated in the first round, but had a successful season nonetheless. Their record for the season stands at 13-3-2.

Old Rochester Boys Soccer – the ORR boys achieved a hard fought victory in overtime against Cohasset with a score of 2-1, moving them into the sectional quarterfinal earlier this week. **Matt Teefy** scored the first goal for ORR with an assist from **Jon Zucco**, evening out the board with Cohasset. In overtime, senior **Nate Houston** converted a Jon Zucco cross to score a second goal for the Bulldogs with one second left on the clock to win the game.

Their season ended, however after a loss to Nantucket 2-1 in a shootout in the quarterfinal round. **Nik Coelho** scored a goal in the first half with an assist from Matt Teefy, but the Nantucket team soon caught up in the second half. It was a hard fought close game, with the game coming down to two scoreless overtimes and penalty kicks where Nantucket clinched their victory. Despite this loss, ORR finished a very successful season with a record of 15-3-2.

Old Rochester Football – the Bulldogs sustained another loss in a game against Voke at Voke. The score was 13-8. Next up, the Bulldogs will play their Thanksgiving Game at ORR against Apponequet High School.

Old Rochester Boys and Girls Cross Country – The boys and girls traveled to Boston this past weekend to Franklin Park to compete in the state meet. The boy's team placed fifth, just shy of qualifying for All States as a team, but **Mike Wyman** and **Nick Pacheco**, placing 4th and 12th respectively, will move on individually. For the girls, none of the top three runners **Sam Barrett**, **Paige Santos**, or **Hannah Vieira** placed in the top 12, but it was none the less a hard fought race. The season concludes for

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most of the team, but after Wyman and Pacheco compete at All States, some runners will travel to New York to compete individually in the National's race. To recap the seasons of both of the teams in their regular seasons, the boys lost only to Voke in a very close meet, and the girls remained undefeated winning both the conference and the SCC meet.

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Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, *its staff or advertisers.* The Wanderer *will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions.* The Wanderer *reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations.* The Wanderer *may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and* The Wanderer *has the right to edit letters to omit business names.* The Wanderer *also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.*

To the Editor:

I think that most people agree in today's world we need to diversify in order to continue to survive. If our population is to move forward we need to look at and employ alternate sources of energy as well as food production.

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That concept of diversifying our food production is what drew me toward aquaculture.

In a recent study by Michael Rice, Department of Fisheries Animal and Veterinary Science, at the University of Rhode Island, Rice points out that bivalves such as oysters and quahogs are beneficial to the health of the marine environment. They control "over-bloom" of phytoplankton by filtering algae. This not only leads to better water quality but also allows sunlight to reach sea grasses, which provide a habitat for juvenile fish. Healthy shellfish populations can increase healthy fin fish populations. There is also evidence that shellfish in suspended culture enhances fish and crab populations on the bottom.

Aquaculture seems to be a win- win situation. It not only is healthy for our marine environment, but it increases our shellfish resources as opposed to only depleting them.

Think about diversification. I don't think we should put all our shellfish in one basket, so to speak. I understand that the town realizes a significant income from existing shellfish permits. But to use that as a reason to deny aquaculture in shallow waters makes no sense. We just need to zone areas for each pursuit. After all, the town has zoned areas for moorings, anchorages, town beaches, boat ramps etc.

I had the privilege of visiting an existing aquiculture farm today and I must relate there were not even any visual drawbacks to the seascape.

I am in full support of aquaculture in Mattapoisett, and I also understand the need for some regulations especially if there is an increased interest in applications. I think the people who are pioneering this way of the future, deserve our support and appreciation, not over regulation.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Manley
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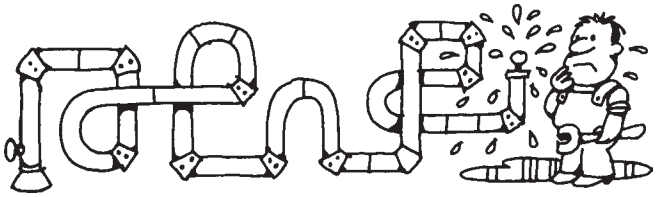

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Thank you for the lockers also. They are much better than the out of date cubbies we had last year. The cubbies were also small and looked bad. We couldn't fit much stuff in them. With lockers the school looks better and prepares us for Jr. High school.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
David Arruda

Dear Residents of Rochester:

I am so lucky to be at R.M.S. I love the new addition and the supplies that came with it. There are many, new, wonderful things about the school, but here are just a few of my favorites!

One of my favorites is having the lockers. I like having the lockers because we have more space. We have more space because instead of cubbies in the classrooms we have, we have lockers out in the hall. We now have more space for other things. I also like lockers because

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Another thing I like about the new school is having two floors. I like having two floors because we have more classrooms. I like having more classrooms because if you want to split up into small groups, one group can stay in the original classroom and one can go into another extra classroom.

My last favorite is the Eno Board. I like the Eno Board because you can see your computer screen right on it. I like having the computer screen right on the Eno Board because you can play math, science, or social studies games on the Internet!

Those are three of my favorite new additions to the school. I want to thank you for all the time you put in because we truly appreciate it!

Sincerely,
Grace Filloramo

(More RMS student letters to the editor can be found on our website at www.Wanderer.com).

Corrections

• Students in the ORR District will have no school on January 13 and 27. These dates are Professional Development days for staff and teachers in the district. An earlier article gave an incorrect date.

• In the Mattapoisett Halloween Parade winners from the November 3 issue, the Third Place winner for the

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Grade 3 and 4 category should read Erin Scott.

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The performances will include Chorus, Concert Bands, Jazz Bands and feature the great talent that our tri-town music programs provide. This annual event is sponsored by FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music) and promises to be a joyful evening. Admission is free and tickets will be available for a Poinsettia Raffle. All are invited.

Pajama Dance Party

The Rochester Country Fair will be hosting a Pajama Dance Party with The Relics on Saturday, **November 19** at 8:00 pm. The fundraiser will take place at The Ponderosa, located on the Route 105 Acushnet/ Rochester Line.

Partygoers are encouraged, but not required, to dress in their most original or unique pajamas. Perhaps you already received some fuzzy slippers at Christmas that you wondered when you would ever wear them. Prizes will be awarded to those wearing the most original pajamas, ugliest pajamas, best slippers and best display of team spirit.

Limited Tickets are available for $10 each and must be purchased in advance at The Ponderosa or The Hair and Body Solution located at the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester.

Donations of raffle items are sought. Please email the Country Fair at rochestercountryfair@comcast.net for additional information or support.

Mattapoisett Tree Lighting

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen wish to extend an invitation to all residents to attend the town's sixth annual Holiday in the Park under the big tent. The festivities will take place on Saturday, **December 3** from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Shipyard Park.

Please come and bring your families to enjoy all the activities and fun. All food is free and is provided by local food establishments. Santa and Mrs. Claus and all their friends will be arriving by 4:15 pm. There will be ornament making and face painting for children.

Also, stop by the Mattapoisett Library for storytime and candy house craft-making from 10:30 am to noon.

Restrooms are open to the public at the library and the Mattapoisett Town Hall. Please bring unwrapped gifts for children in need, and bring a canned good for the table under the tent.

Musical performances will include: the Old Hammondtown Concert Band, Old Hammondtown Chorus, the Occasion Singers, the Harpoon Harmonizers, and Rick LeBlanc.

Boy Scout Troop 53 will be selling wreaths and poinsettias with free hot chocolate and hot coffee at Town Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

The tree lighting will take place at dusk.

ORRJHS Students of the Month

Kevin Brogioli, Principal of the Old Rochester Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for October 2011:

Green Team: **Mary Kate McIntyre** and **Victor Morrison**. Orange Team: **Paige Watterson** and **David Varney**. Blue Team: **Julia Hall** and **Noah Tavares**. Red Team: **Kelly Fox** and **Etsub Legesse**. Special Areas: **Emma Gelson** and **Daniel Fealy**.

Sippican Choral Group

The Sippican Choral Society will present "Christmas Through the Years" in the first weekend in December. Beginning with the ninth century plainsong version of Veni, Veni Emmanuel and ending with a contemporary jazz style arrangement of Go Tell It On the Mountain, the chorale will take the audience on a journey through the centuries. Directed by Brian Roderick and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon, musical selections will feature four-hands piano, organ, woodwind, and percussion.

The Sippican Chamber Choir will also perform, and the newly formed Southcoast Children's Chorus will begin its second season by joining the Choral Society for a portion of the program. Be sure to visit www.SippicanChoral.org for more information.

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• Friday, **December 2**, 8:00 pm – Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford.

• Sunday, **December 4**, 4:00 pm – Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Marion.

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Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting

Michael LaBossiere, retiring president of the Nasketucket Bird Club, will be the main speaker at the Thursday, **November 17** meeting of the Nasketucket Bird Club. A review of the club's history and activities will be given by Mr. LaBossiere. The public is invited to attend the 7:00 pm meeting, held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The Library, located on Barstow Street, is handicap accessible. Please use the South entrance. For more information, call Justin Barrett at 774-207-8515.

Hockey Unlimited

Hockey Unlimited, an organization founded nearly 47 years ago and committed to teaching the fundamentals of ice hockey to local youths ranging in age from 9 to 14 years, plans to begin its 47th season at Travis Roy Rink inside Tabor Academy's Fish Center for Health and Athletics.

This year's program will consist of approximately 15 weekly sessions. The registration fee is $360 for the entire season, payable to Hockey Unlimited in advance. The money covers ice rental expenses and all other operating costs. Each participant should complete a registration form and return it with a check made payable to Hockey Unlimited. Please mail to: Hockey Unlimited, c/o Dyer Capital Management, P.O. Box 388, Marion, MA 02738.

Sessions are expected to be held primarily on Saturday mornings, as well as other selected school vacation days. The program runs approximately from mid November through February 2012. A complete schedule with exact dates and times will be available upon registration. Because of program limitations, registration is on a "first come, first served" basis.

Each player must be equipped with a stick, knee pads, hockey gloves, elbow pads, helmet and face guard. Some type of tooth protection and hockey pants are also strongly recommended.

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• **Holiday Story Time** – A special story time will be held to celebrate holiday traditions on Saturday, **November 26** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to read holiday books, listen to stories, and enjoy a sharing of traditions that make holidays such a special family time. Cider and gingerbread cookies will be served. Each person will be invited to create a paper quilt square to be joined in one large quilt to be hung in the library through the New Year. Bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins to celebrate family to begin the holiday season.

• **Teacher Open House** – Area teachers are invited to an open house on Saturday, **November 19** from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Mattapoisett Library. Staff from area libraries will be on hand to talk ways the library can support teachers and students toward a more successful school year. Learn about how local libraries can provide reference services, homework help, book availability, technology services, and other resources. Continental breakfast will be available for teachers and their families.

• **Deconstructing Cravings** – Get your cravings under control without deprivation, dieting or denial. Learn how your body works and take control of your health, moods, and energy levels. Holistic Health Coach Johanna Voss will present a free workshop on Tuesday,

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Obituaries:

B. Eugene DeFreitas, 87, of Meredith, NH, died peacefully October 26, 2011 at The Arbors of Bedford.

He was the husband of the late Marie J. (Dixon) DeFreitas.

Born in Boston, MA and lived in Meredith, NH and wintered in Boca Raton, FL.

Mr. DeFreitas was the former proprietor of Melrose Bowl-A-Dome and the co-owner of BCA in Saugus for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. during World War II.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon Russo and her husband Stanley of Marion; 3 sons, Walter DeFreitas and his wife Linda of Seffner, FL, Kenneth DeFreitas and his wife Celida of Manchester, MA and Phillip DeFreitas and his wife Caroline of Groton, MA; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the grandfather of the late Gregory Russo.

His Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 10 AM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Helen-Carol Gfroerer, Aunt Helen, Miss "G.", Guffy, 86, of Marion formerly of New Castle, NH, passed away Thursday November 3, at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion.

Helen was born March 7, 1925 the daughter of the late Rudolph and Margaret (Lapworth) Gfroerer.

Helen retired from Bedford High School as a physical education instructor and coach. She was best known as "Miss G." and also enjoyed all sports, taught sailing, was the cheerleading coach for the Shriners Football Classic for many years and was an avid skier in her day.

Helen was also known as "Guffy" and remained close to her Bouve College friends and enjoyed their reunions. An animal lover Helen loved her cats.

Helen is survived by her brother David Gfroerer and his wife Joyce of Halifax and her nieces and nephews; Donald Gfroerer and his wife Laurene of Wareham, Jo-Anne Bosworth and her husband Henry of Halifax, Susan Berta, Judith Mat-

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November 22 at 7:00 pm on managing food habits, just in time for the holidays. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gifts to Give Drop-Off

The First Congregational Church of Rochester's Youth Group is putting on a Gifts to Give drive on **November 19** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The group is looking for gently used: clothes (all sizes from newborn to adult, especially jeans/pants), strollers, safety gates, high chairs, books, toys, shoes.

The group can only accept the following items if they are new: underwear, socks, toy batteries, dental hygiene supplies, school supplies, arts and crafts supplies, welcome baby items.
Items can be dropped off at 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on November 19. Any questions, please call 508-763-4314.

Holiday Hope Project

With the holidays quickly approaching, Child and Family Services is looking for community members to sponsor a child or family for their annual Holiday Hope Project. You can also support The Holiday Hope Project by attending the "365 Days of Hope" gala on November 17th at the Hawthorne Country Club. For tickets to the event, or for more information, please contact the Development Office 508-996-8572 or visit our website at www.Child-FamilyServices.org.

Magic of Christmas Fair

The members of St. Anthony's and St. Rita's parishes will host the 46th annual Christmas Fair at St. Anthony's at 22 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett on Saturday, **December 3**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The event will benefit the parish and the scholarship fund. Stop by for some Christmas cheer, treats and unique gifts for those on your "Nice" list.

Santa arrives at 9:30 am for a picture opportunity. Come pick out a hand-painted ornament, get fresh greens, lunch in Edie's Kitchen, participate in the raffle, or shop from the many boutiques – all major credit cards are welcome.

Marion Art Center News

• **Gala Opening** – The Marion Art Center is hosting special events in the next few weeks to start off the holiday season. The first event is the annual Holiday Shop, which will be installed in both galleries at the Art Center beginning November 18. The gala opening of the show will be on Friday, **November 18** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Truman Terrell will entertain on piano. The Holiday Shop show and sale runs through December 21. Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free.

• **Ice Sculptor** – On Saturday, **December 10**, Timothy Wade, local sand and ice sculptor and painter, will give an ice carving demonstration starting at 10:00 am in Bicentennial Park across from the Art Center. Visitors are invited to come and watch as he transforms blocks of ice into beautiful sculpture, take a few pictures with the finished product, or stop by on their way along the Sippican Women's Club House Tour.

The Bicentennial Park is located at the corner of Spring and Main Streets in Marion. For more information call 508-748-1266.

Historical Society Seeks Curator

With the announcement of Bette Roberts' pending retirement as curator of the Mattapoisett Museum, the Historical Society is currently interviewing for her replacement. If you are interested, please view the job description on the Museum's web page: www.MattapoisettHistoricalSociety.org.

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Banquet

The 21st annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Tri-Town senior citizens, sponsored by the eighth grade class at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, will be held on Sunday, **November 20**, 2011 at 12:00 pm in the ORRJHS cafeteria. Doors will open at 11:15 am.

300 tickets will be available, 100 per town, to be distributed through the local Councils on Aging. Meals for homebound residents will be available. Please notify your local Councils on Aging with the name and address of the intended recipient.

Any individual or local businesses interested in making cash contributions or donating door prizes should call the junior high at 508-758-4928 and speak with Erica Ponte or Hope Perkins.

Upper Cape Crafts Fair

On **November 19 and 20**, the Upper Cape Regional Technical School, would like to invite everyone to their 17th annual American Made Professional Arts and Craft Fair. With over 100 vendors, there is something for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

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suda and her husband Gene all of CA, Carol Hazard and her husband Steve of MS. Helen is also survived by many wonderful relatives, friends and former students.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of "Miss G" memorial gifts may be made to the Memorial Scholarship through the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Bedford. Your gifts should be made payable to the CSF of Bedford with Helen-Carol Gfroerer Memorial Scholarship noted in the memo portion and mailed to CSF of Bedford P.O. Box 585 Bedford, MA 01730

Katelyn "Katie" Brienzo, 29, of Fairhaven was killed when she was struck by an automobile Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Katie was born in New Bedford, the daughter of Karen (Waitt) Fostin of Fairhaven and Dennis J. Brienzo of Fairhaven. She lived in Fairhaven all of her life and was a graduate of Fairhaven High School Class of 2001. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Fairhaven.

Katie was a stacker at Market Basket as well as a secretary for the Commission on Disabilities in Fairhaven. She was also a secretary for the Economic Development Commission and had worked at Stop and Shop in Fairhaven. She was a member of MO Life and spoke nationally at conventions for APSE the Disabilities National Chapter. She was a member of Our Lady of Angels in Fairhaven, a former member of the Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative and loved taking cruises and traveling.

She is survived by her parents and step mother, Sandra Brienzo all of Fairhaven; a brother Joel D. Brienzo of Fairhaven; three sisters, Gina Fitzgerald and her husband John W. Fitzgerald, Jr. of Fairhaven, Ashlee Lentini and her husband Joshua of Dartmouth and Julie Fostin and her fiancé Al Gonsalves of Rochester; an uncle, Robert Waitt of Fairhaven; God Parents, Ray and Elaine Brienzo of Acushnet; three nieces, Courtney-Rae, Alexis and Cloe Fitzgerald and her friend and mentor, Selectman Charles Murphy of Fairhaven.

Calling hours were Monday from 4-9 PM in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM in St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven followed by interment in River-Side Cemetery, Fairhaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to MO Life, 43 Daniel St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Walter E. "Buddy" Parker, 81 of Fairhaven passed away Friday, November 11, 2011 at Alden Court Nursing and Rehab Center in Fairhaven after a long illness. He was the husband of the late Helen T. (Moniz) Parker.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Walter and Angelina (Mello) Parker, he lived most of his life in Fairhaven. Buddy worked many years in the seafood industry and was the former owner/operator of J.B. Fillet. He enjoyed trips to Foxwoods but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by four sons, Roger Parker and his wife Kathy of Fairhaven, Wayne A. Parker, Sr. and his wife Donna of Wareham, Thomas Parker and his wife Lynda of Rochester and Walter E. Parker, Jr. and his wife Karen of Acushnet; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Parker was the brother of the late Irene Singleton and great grandfather of the late Nathan Parker.

Calling hours were Tuesday from 4-7 PM in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven.

His funeral service was held Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the funeral home followed by interment in Evergreen Cemetery in Marion.

Jeanne M. (Allen) Skapik, 82, died Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham.

She was the wife of the late Eugene P. Skapik.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Bernard & Marion (Ryan) Allen. After her high school graduation, she attended the New England Conservatory of Music.

She moved to Wareham in 1971. Mrs. Skapik was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict serving from 1950 to 1951. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children, Karen Spinosa and David Peck both of Wareham, Stephen Peck of Falmouth, Marion White of Marion, Diane Mestieri and Nancy Skapik both of Wareham, Lisa Skapik of Fall River and Michael Skapik of Acushnet; her sisters, Barbara Gruchy of Scottsdale, AZ, Ruth Ahearn of Ft. Myers, FL, Marion Beckwith of Marshfield and Jill Eaton of Decatur, AL.

Her funeral will be Thurs., Nov. 17 from the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham at 9:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church, High St., Wareham at 10:00 AM.

Interment will follow at the Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours will be Wed. from 2 – 4 & 7 – 9 PM.

Donations in her memory may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or www.woundedwarriorproject.org

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Southcoast Hospitals Vascular Screening

Southcoast Hospitals Group announces free vascular screenings through December 2. Regular vascular screenings can detect peripheral artery disease, or PAD, a potentially serious circulatory problem. The non-invasive screenings are performed by a trained nurse and take approximately 20 minutes. Patients should arrive 15 minutes prior to screening time. The free vascular screenings are open to both men and women. Appointments are required and can be requested by calling the numbers listed below. Space is limited and appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. No walk-ins will be accepted on screening days.

• The Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester on Monday, **November 14**. Appointments will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please call 508-763-8723 to schedule an appointment.

• Southcoast Health System at Rosebrook, 100 Rosebrook Way, Wareham on Monday, **November 21**. Appointments will be scheduled between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please call 800-276-0103 to schedule an appointment.

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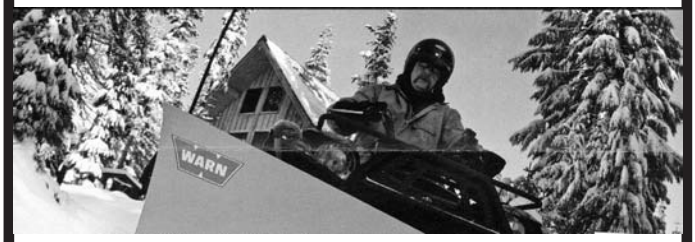

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Editor's Pick of the Week

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The Mystery of D.B. Cooper

By Chris Igo Jr.

Forty years ago this November, an airborne daredevil called D.B. Cooper pulled off a crime that was responsible for one of the most extensive and expensive American manhunts of the 20th century. In fact, the whereabouts of D.B. Cooper remain a mystery to this day, making him the "Bigfoot of Crime" while keeping his legendary story animated decades later. However, what makes his story unique was that he got away with 21 pounds of 20 dollar bills strapped to his body without harming a single bystander. One may think of this precarious maneuver to be impractical. However, D.B. Cooper seemed to have pulled it off effortlessly.

It was a cold winter night 40 years ago on November 24, 1971 when a Boeing 727 aircraft flew over the small town of Amboy, Washington just under 10,000 feet in the air. This aircraft was carrying passenger Dan Cooper (through a later press miscommunication became D.B. Cooper) who sat in the back of the plane in seat 18C. About midway through the flight, Cooper handed a note to a young flight attendant named Florence Schaffner, who was seated in a jump seat attached to the stair door, situated directly behind and to the left of Cooper's seat. The young flight attendant thought he was giving her his phone number, so she carelessly slipped it into her pocket, unopened. At that moment Cooper leaned closer and said, "Miss, you'd better look at that note. I have a bomb." The note read, "I have a bomb in my briefcase. I will use it if necessary. I want you to sit next to me. You are being hijacked."

Cooper then threatened to blow up the airliner if the plane did not land immediately and pick up $200,000 from the airliner's owner. Not wanting to risk the lives of innocent passengers, the Boeing 727's crew called in an emergency landing to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. A bag filled with $200,000 worth of unmarked bills, and two parachutes that Cooper requested were handed over to him and the plane prepared once again for takeoff. D.B. Cooper then jumped from the airborne 727 aircraft with a single parachute along with 21 pounds of $20 bills strapped to his torso, and was never seen again, dead or alive. D.B. Cooper's story is currently the only unsolved United States hijacking.

Following the crime, aerial and ground searches took place covering the 28 square mile radius, but no trace of D.B. Cooper was found. Some speculations are that he did not survive the jump, but other officials say he was a professional and escaped on foot. After months, no significant leads came to the FBI, and this case started to slip away from officials. This led the FBI to step up their efforts, so they notified banks, savings and loan companies, and other businesses of each $20 bill's serial number that D.B had stolen. Months later, Northwest Airlines offered a reward of 15 percent of the recovered money if anyone could find it, but they eventually canceled the offer as they received no new evidence.

The only significant piece of evidence ever found came 10 years later, in 1981, from an eight-year-old boy Brian Ingram, who, while digging out a fire pit for a picnic with his family, came across $5,880 in decaying twenty dollar bills still bundled with elastic bands, 40 feet from the waterline and just two inches below the surface, on the banks of the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington. It was made known that the bills were authentic after comparing them to the serial numbers of the bills taken by D.B. Cooper 9 years earlier.

The money that Brian Ingram found only reinforced the belief that Cooper could not have survived the jump. FBI eventually gave Brian about $2,860 of the recovered money, with the amount being a rough estimate because of the deteriorated condition of the bills. However, on June 13, 2008, the Heritage Auction Galleries' Americana Memorabilia Grand Format Auction in Dallas, Texas auctioned off fifteen of the bills to various buyers for a total of more than $37,000, and as of 2009, the rest of the money remains unrecovered.

Forty years later, the search for Cooper is still on, as the FBI has questioned dozens of suspects but released all of them. One man, John List, was an accurate match to D.B. Cooper but he passed away under custody in prison on March 21, 2008. List was considered to be a mass-murderer in 1971, and the hijacking of the plane by "Cooper" happened only days after List killed his entire family in Westfield, New Jersey. List's age, facial features, and build were similar to those described for D.B. Cooper, and another vital piece of evidence was that Cooper parachuted from the hijacked airliner with $200,000, the same amount List had used up from his mother's bank account in the days before the killing. For this, we will never know who the true D.B. Cooper was, or if he is still out there today.

Believe it or not, D.B. Cooper's story has induced more smiles than frowns, as his crime was one of its time, when antisocial behavior was admired. Many Americans commended his act and he was celebrated in songs, films and books. For many, D.B. Cooper was the "Robin Hood for tie-dyed longhairs", and his story lives on to this day, unsolved.

About the Author: *Chris Igo, Jr. is a Mattapoisett resident attending college at Merrimack College in Andover, MA. He can be contacted at igoc@merrimack.edu.*

Plumb Library Events

• **Homemade Wreaths** – The Friends of Plumb Library are now taking orders for wreaths – 12-inch double sided wreaths without a bow cost $11; with a red bow costs $13. Orders may be left at the Plumb Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester, by 8:00 pm on Monday, **November 21**. Wreaths may be picked up at the Holiday Open House on Saturday, **December 3** between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, or by other arrangement if necessary. Order forms may be found at the library or on the library's website: www.plumblibrary.com. The Friends are also seeking items for the Silent Auction: handmade goods, gift certificates, or other items may be donated. Call the library at 508-763-8600 for more details.

• **Cafe Parlez** – Cafe Parlez will be discussing *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie on Monday, **November 28**, 6:30 p.m. This book for teens, written by one of the best Native American writers in the country, tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian reservation and his experiences at an all-white school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Books will be available at the desk.

• **Non-Fiction Book Group** – The non-fiction schedule for 2011 – 2012 is: **November 17**: *Moby Duck*, by Donovan Hohn; **December 16**: *Hidden Persuaders*, by Vance Packard; **January 20**: *The Other Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore; **February 16**: *Cod*, by Mark Kurlansky; **March 15**: *In the Garden of the Beasts*, by Erik Larsen; **April 19**: *Columbine*, by Dave Cullen; **May 17**: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua.

Mattapoisett Women's Club

The Mattapoisett Women's Club presents: "Bringing Your Life In Balance". Join MWC on Thursday, **November 17** at noon and learn more about how the healing arts of yoga and reflexology can reduce stress and bring balance to your life.

Speakers will be Lori Howes, a certified Reflexologist, and Donna Wingate, a licensed Physical Therapy assistant and Yoga instructor. There will be opportunity to practice some relaxing yoga movements. Mattapoisett Woman's Club meetings are held in Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Be our guest for light sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. The program will follow the luncheon.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

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TriTown Happenings

Left: Sunset and a fair autumn evening was the perfect setting for a Ned's Point wedding on November 11, 2011. Photo by Tania Tan.

Below: Too early for Christmas shopping? Not for these Mattapoisett residents. Folks stopped by the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Christmas Faire

Right: Mrs. Claus gets the scoop on who has been naughty or nice at the November 12, 2011 Mattapoisett Congregational Church Christmas Faire. Photo by Felix Perez.

Left: On November 14, demolition began on the Rochester Bakery and Cafe, a former local hot spot and site of a devastating fire on July 28, 2011. Photo by Anne Kakley.

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Second Annual Bulldog Dash

Last year's Bulldog Dash held on the ORRHS campus was a tremendous success. Children and adults of all ages came out to run off their Thanksgiving dinners, join in the family fun, compete for prizes, and support the extracurricular activities at the high school. Over $9000 was raised to offset the fees for Old Rochester extracurricular activities. Anticipation is high for this year's event, and hopes are up for even greater fundraising.

This year the excitement and fun for this now annual event continues. The Second Annual Bulldog Dash will be run on Saturday, **November 26**. Starting time is 9:30 am for the children's events with the main race to follow at 11:00 am, rain or shine. Starting and finish lines are on the Old Rochester campus, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. The course is a two-mile road race through the ORR campus and open to all ages. The preschool race is a 100-yard dash for children ages 3 and 4, and the elementary age race is a .25-mile race on the track for grades K through 6. Students are limited to one race.

Cash prizes of $100, $50 and $25 will be awarded to each top male and female runners, and all preschool runners will receive a prize. The registration fee is $20 for all walker, runner, and students, with a reduced fee of $15 for those who register in advance online at www.jbrace.com. The day of race entry fee is $25. For mail-in registrations, make checks payable to ORR Drama and

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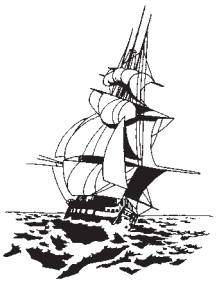

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TriTown Happenings

On Saturday, November 12, the Tabor turf fields were dedicated to G. Richard "Duff" Duffy, a Class of '56 graduate and member of the Tabor faculty since 1969. In his tenure, Mr. Duffy has shared his love of baseball and squash, and has served as Dean and dorm parent. Additionally, Mr. Duffy was Director of Silvershell Beach from 1974 to 1999, and a special member of the Marion police force. Photo courtesy of Tabor Academy student photography pool.

Above: The Sippican School Band, led by Don Richard, plays the National Anthem at the November 11, 2011 Veteran's Day exercises in Marion. Photo by Robert Chiarito.
Right: Col. Timothy M. White, United States Air Force, an instructor at the Naval War College of Newport, Rhode Island gives the main address at the Marion Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 2011. Photo by Robert Chiarito.

The Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280, with the Mattapoisett and Rochester Veteran's Office, coordinated the annual Veteran's Day exercises at Old Hammondtown School on November 11, 2011. Photo by Anne Kakley.

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For further information about the second annual Bulldog Dash, please contact the race director at 508-758-2772 ext. 1422 or at orr-roadrace@orr.mec.edu. Bring the whole family and join the Old Rochester community for a full morning of fun, activity, and prizes.

League of Women Voters

The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters invites the public to hear Robert Unger, Editor and Associate Publisher of *The Standard Times* on Thursday, **November 17**, 2011 at 7:15 pm at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, Front Street, Marion. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

Friends of the Elderly News

• **Free Movie** – The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly will be hosting a free movie on Tuesday, **November 29**, at the Mattapoisett COA building at noon.

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Pizza will be available for $2, and must be pre-ordered and paid for by Monday, November 28 at 2:00 pm. Please RSVP by calling 508-758-4110.

• **Holiday Luncheon** – Mark **December 15** for

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights November 6 - 14

- Pleasant St – Protective Custody
- Moorings Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Lewis St – Suspicious Activity
- Lady Slipper Ln – Medical Emergency
- Point Rd – Medical Emergency
- Wareham Rd – Building Check
- Partidge Pl – Animal Complaint
- Mill St – 911 Hang-up
- Allen St – Fire Alarm
- Barros Dr – Medical Emergency
- Register Rd – Animal Complaint
- Main St – Suspicious Person
- Riverview Ln – Burglar Alarm
- Edgewater Ln – Larceny
- South St – Burglar Alarm
- Moorings Rd – Fire Alarm
- Mill St – Fraud
- Wareham Rd – Fire Alarm
- Zora Rd – Building Check
- Mill St – Fraud
- Front St – Burglar Alarm
- Front St – Follow Up Investigation
- Front St – Burglar Alarm
- Ichabod Ln – Medical Emergency
- County Rd – General Service
- Mill St – Suspicious Activity
- Front St – Animal Complaint
- Benson Brook Rd – Building Check
- Mill St – Lost Property

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights November 6 - 14

- North St – Vehicle Violations
- Snow Field Rd – Fire
- Shaw St – Vehicle Violations
- Michelle Ln – Burglar Alarm
- Barstow St – Ambulance Request
- Marion Rd – Ambulance Request
- County Rd – Car Accident
- County Rd – Property Returned
- Homestead Ct – Disturbance
- North St – Car Accident
- 195W – Animal Control
- North St –Vehicle Violations
- Holly Woods Rd - Larceny
- County Rd – Vehicle Violations
- North St – Complaint
- Fairhaven Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Railroad Ave – Suspicious Persons
- Water St – Suspicious Persons
- Briar Rd – Fire Alarm
- Barstow St – 911 Call
- River Rd – Ambulance Request
- County Rd – Car Accident
- Aucoot Rd – Animal Control
- Atkinson Way – Fire Alarm
- Aucoot Rd – Animal Control
- Seabreeze Ln – Suspicious Persons
- North St – Vehicle Violations
- Ned's Point Rd –Vandalism
- North St – Search Warrant

ROCHESTER

Log highlights November 6 - 14

- Mattapoisett Rd – Area Check
- North Ave – Domestic Disturbance
- Union Church Ter – Animal Control
- North Ave – Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy – Disabled Vehicle
- Neck Rd – Ambulance Request
- Vaughan Hill Rd – Animal Control
- New Bedford Rd – Building Check
- Marion Rd – Building Check
- Neck Rd – Car Accident
- Marion Rd – Erratic Operation
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance Request
- Mary's Pond Rd – Domestic Disturbance
- Mayflower Ln – Area Check
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal Control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Area Check
- Pine St – Lock Out
- Old Tuck Bog Rd – Juvenile Offenses
- Neck Rd – Erratic Operation
- Randall Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal Control
- Snipatuit Rd – Disturbance
- Wolf Island Rd – Area Check
- North Ave – Threats
- High St – 911 Hang-up
- Rounseville Rd – Animal Control
- Mattapoisett Rd – Building Check
- Mary's Pond Rd – Arrest, Drug Posses.
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious Activity

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **November 21**: Stuffed shells w/ vegetable sauce, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, chilled fruit.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Meatloaf w/ gravy, whipped potato, Scandinavian blend vegetable, multi grain roll, pudding, diet: pudding.
Wednesday, **November 23**: Breaded chicken patty, Lyonnaise potatoes, Tahitian blend vegetable, hamburger roll, arctic ice, diet: fruited jello.
Thursday, **November 24**: CLOSED: THANKSGIVING.
Friday, **November 25**: BBQ pork patty, Au Gratin potatoes, country blend vegetable, sliced bread, fresh fruit.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER

Monday, **November 21**: Chicken fajita with cheese, lettuce and tomato, steamed corn, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken parmesan wrap, steamed green beans, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **November 23**: HALF DAY. Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, **November 21**: Chicken fajita with cheese, lettuce and tomato, steamed corn, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken parmesan with spaghetti, steamed green beans, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **November 23**: HALF DAY. Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **November 21**: Chicken fajita (wheat or jalapeno wrap) with cheese, lettuce and tomato, steamed corn, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken parmesan with spaghetti, steamed green beans, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **November 23**: HALF DAY. NO LUNCH.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **November 21**: Chicken fajita with cheese, lettuce and tomato, steamed corn, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken parmesan with spaghetti, steamed green beans, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **November 23**: HALF DAY. NO LUNCH.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, **November 21**: Chicken fajita with cheese, lettuce and tomato, steamed corn, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken parmesan on bun, steamed green beans, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **November 23**: HALF DAY. Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **November 21**: Grilled cheese sandwich, salad, beef stew, peaches.
Tuesday, **November 22**: Chicken fajita, rice, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, fruit.
Wednesday, **November 23**: NO SCHOOL.
Thursday, **November 24**: NO SCHOOL.
Friday, **November 25**: NO SCHOOL.

the annual Holiday Luncheon hosted by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly. This event is free and takes place on Thursday, December 15 at noon. As in previous years, it is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Enjoy the special holiday festivities with lots of fun and singing, and door prizes for all.

Free tickets can be picked up at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging's Social and Wellness Center, located in Center School, 17 Barstow St. Transportation can be reserved through the Center – call 508-758-4110.

Mattapoisett COA

• **Exercise**: Mondays at 10:00 am, QiGong ($2.50); Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Strength and Balance ($2.50); Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am, Yoga ($2.50); Wednesdays at 10:00 am, CardioDance Fit ($3).

• **Crafts**: Mondays at 10:00 am, Knitting Group (free); Coming soon – Watercolor Painting.

• **Social**: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Scrabble (free); Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Bingo (per card); Thursdays at 9:00 am, Bridge (free).

• **Health**: Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Public Health Nurse (free); Tuesday, November 15 at 2:00 pm, Healthy Eating for Aging Adults (free).

• **Mattapoisett Mah Jongg** – The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center in Center School, 17 Barstow Street is offering Mah Jongg every Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Beginning and advanced Mah Jongg players are invited to meet the instructor, Bernice Fastoso, and play on **November 2**.

Learn to play Mah Jongg or add the Wednesday afternoon session to your weekly Mah Jongg schedule. Reserve your place by calling the Center at 508-758-4110.

• Financial Decisions for Retirements – On **November 17** at 9:30 am, there will be a free class on how to generate income for life, reduce or eliminate taxes on social security, and strategies for growing and protecting your wealth in retirement.

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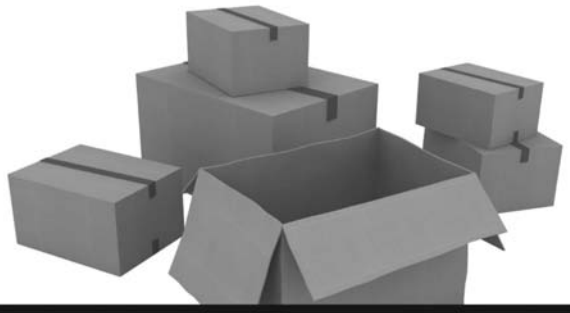

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Movie Review

On the Road Again

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Melancholia.* Starring Kirsten Dunst and Charlotte Gainsbourg. Directed by Lars von Trier. Running time: 135 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

In *Melancholia,* which has just gotten a theatrical release after a month of playing on cable on-demand (locally, it's on Comcast until December 19), it's the end of the world as we know it and Kirsten Dunst feels fine. It's about the only time she does feel fine. As Justine, an unreachably depressed young woman, Dunst takes her place alongside a gallery of other female sufferers in the work of writer-director Lars von Trier. Like those others, Dunst puts in a career-best performance, sinking under the weight of self-lacerating despair. Justine's condition is never explained, as it often isn't explained in life (although her parents are played by John Hurt and Charlotte Rampling — there's a big clue right there). In the movie's first half, she gamely tries to slog through her wedding party, and the people closest to her, like her sister Claire (Charlotte Gainsbourg), know full well how much work goes into each empty smile.

That the world ends in *Melancholia* — extinguished by a rogue planet also called Melancholia — is revealed in the opening moments; we get squished to the prelude to Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde,* which recurs throughout the film as the wayward green ball in the sky draws closer. After that, we endure the wedding party, held at the sumptuous country house of Claire's filthy-rich husband John (Kiefer Sutherland), who fancies himself an armchair astronomer. Justine has married Michael (Alexander Skarsgård), a well-meaning dud who comes off as though Andy from *Parks and Recreation* had wandered into an apocalyptic art film. He doesn't last long. In the second half, Justine, having shed Michael and most of what's left of her sanity, is living with Claire and John and their little son. As Melancholia bears down, the formerly stable Claire grows more and more frantic — John assures her the planet will harmlessly pass by, but she can't bring herself to believe him — and Justine seems more and more placid. Her life is already over. Global death is just a formality.

Von Trier went through a period of depression a few years ago, and he worked it out in his previous film, the notorious *Antichrist,* in which nature seemed charged by grotesque and demonic energy. *Melancholia* is something of a bookend piece, equally gorgeous, not nearly as physically appalling, but almost as disturbing. It's not a "horror movie," exactly, but few images at the movies this year have been as frightening as the view of Melancholia growing larger in five-minute intervals through a handmade planet-viewer. At heart, it's an epic about response to life and death. John, of course, seeks to master the mystery, just like Willem Dafoe in *Antichrist* and all the other clueless men in the von Trier portfolio. (The filmmaker gets tarred with the "sexist" brush a lot, but his men are idiots and his women routinely win his actresses top prizes.) Claire clings to her life so tightly she can't bear the thought of nothingness, while Justine has burned through despair into a kind of Zen-Buddhist shrug. If *Antichrist* was written in the throes of depression, *Melancholia* is a report on the condition after the fact.

The symbolism may strike some as a little neat: Melancholia has been "hiding behind the sun," and then it emerges, blocking out everything else — much like the mood it's named after. The entire grandly morose film could be read as a suicidal woman's reverie on her own world ending. (Many depressives, squeamish about taking the final step off the ledge, fantasize about a vast catastrophe that will take their decision and their responsibility out of their hands.) But von Trier's filmmaking, as always, is elegantly alive, never sodden with the script's significance. The first half, well-populated by von Trier regulars like Stellan Skarsgård and Udo Kier, tosses in enough eccentricities (what's up with John Hurt tucking spoons into his jacket pocket?) to counteract Justine's moping. The second half is sparser and stiller, focusing on the sisters and their emotional preparation for doom.

Images may stick with you: a horse falling to the ground in extreme slow motion; Claire attempting to outrace the apocalypse in a golf cart; Kirsten Dunst's features ravaged by loathing. Those looking for sharp internal logic should look elsewhere. Lars von Trier uses a literal worldwide disaster as a backdrop for a tiny, specific personal story about a woman who's sick of pretending to be happy and who can't help throwing everything away, cutting herself off from life so definitively that the end of the world is just the last of a lifelong list of things she can't control. Giving up the illusion of control has delivered her into a kind of grace. Justine has already died every time the hated sun has risen yet again; soon it will all be over. Von Trier's plotting isn't always up to the level of his visuals or his emotionally-loaded philosophizing, but on the increasingly timid stage of world cinema he continues to be a giant among ants.

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Rochester PD Announces Entrance Exam

The Rochester Police Department has scheduled an Entrance Exam for the Rochester Police Department on **January 14**, 2012.

The Rochester Police Department employs 10 full time officers and 5 part time officers serving a population of approximately 5,400 residents. The department will be holding an entrance exam to fill both full and part time openings in the future.

Because of the small size of the department, officers handle many of their own cases from start to finish. This allows officers the opportunity to participate in investigations, write and serve warrants, and make arrests as a result of their own work.

Rochester police officers also have the opportunity to participate on a number of the departments specialized units such as bike patrol and ATV patrol as well as being able to join specialized units such as the dive team, SWAT team, and search and rescue team attached to the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC).

Details and eligibility requirements are provided on the Police Exam Solutions website: www.policeexamsolutions.com. If there is a specific question that has not been addressed there, submit an email to info@policeexamsolutions.com. Any calls made directly to the Rochester Police Department or Police Exam Solutions, may disqualify you from being hired.

Perhaps you know someone who is thinking of getting involved in law enforcement. This is a great opportunity for them to participate in the entry level testing process and possibly earn a career in law enforcement.

If you or anyone you know would like further information on this upcoming exam, please visit www.PoliceExamSolutions.com. All registrations must be done online.

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57 Time for chores?
58 Slit on a sunfish
59 "Fatha" Hines
60 Teapot part
62 Ersatz emerald
63 ADAMS
70 Cisco, to Pancho
71 Sudden attacks
72 Something to skip?
73 Campbell of "Party of Five"
74 Doll up
76 "The Jungle Book" character
78 — Na Na
81 Justice Fortas
82 "Death in Venice" author
83 Aromatic plant
85 Court-martial candidate
86 "Corn-huskers" poet
89 Like lava
90 Stage stuff
91 Take a breather
92 JACKSON
94 Wrap
96 Singer Brook
97 Like kids at Christmas
98 Bobbin
99 Sargasso Sea swimmer
100 Humorist Ogden
103 Violin part
106 KENNEDY
112 Comic Charlotte
113 Fido's morsel
114 "Ab —" (from the start)
115 Portent
116 Half-baked?
117 Flub
118 Director Craven
119 Faux —
120 Trick stick
121 Looked at
122 — es Salaam

DOWN
1 Palliative
2 "Turandot" tune
3 Upset entity
4 Dot follower
5 Beat
6 Seine feeder
7 Monastery garb
8 Mother or grandmother
9 Make a doily
10 Herriot title start
11 Peanut
12 Kim or Kaufman
13 — Alamos, NM
14 "Raising —" ('87 film)
15 Certain marble
16 Unyielding
17 Study closely
25 Made a passage
26 Capek play
27 Michael of "Dynasty"
29 Stocking shade
34 Director's cry
36 Without — (daringly)
37 Communications word form
38 — Aviv
39 "Frederica" composer
40 Jet-setter's need
41 Shortly
42 Spanish specialty
43 Land in the sea
44 Sheldon's "— of Angels"
47 State words?
48 Pennsylvania sect
49 Nick of "Q&A"
50 Gentleman of leisure?
52 Jeanne —
53 Strained
56 El —, TX
57 "Gigi" author
58 Stare stupidly
59 Brink
60 TV's "— City"
61 Third degree?
62 "Oh My —" ('53 song)
63 Turner and Wood
64 Basic organism
65 David of "The Bishop's Wife"
66 Pitchfork part
67 Bring home the bacon
68 Salad staple
69 Bagel or bialy
74 Cause a chuckle
75 Move like a mouse
76 Aphid apparatus
77 Place for a patch
78 Walked like a buccaneer
79 Nest or burrow
80 Tree spray
83 Baptism site
84 Nevada city
85 Neon relative
87 Salivate
88 Hotel employee
89 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
90 Appreciated, in the '50s
92 Cowardly
93 City in Pakistan
94 Fern feature
95 Reggae's — and the Maytals
96 You can retire on it
98 Old tub
99 Baseballer Slaughter
101 4,840 square yards
102 Command to Fido
104 Williams of "Pete and Gladys"
105 Gourmet Graham
107 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
108 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
109 He's a doll
110 Gridiron position
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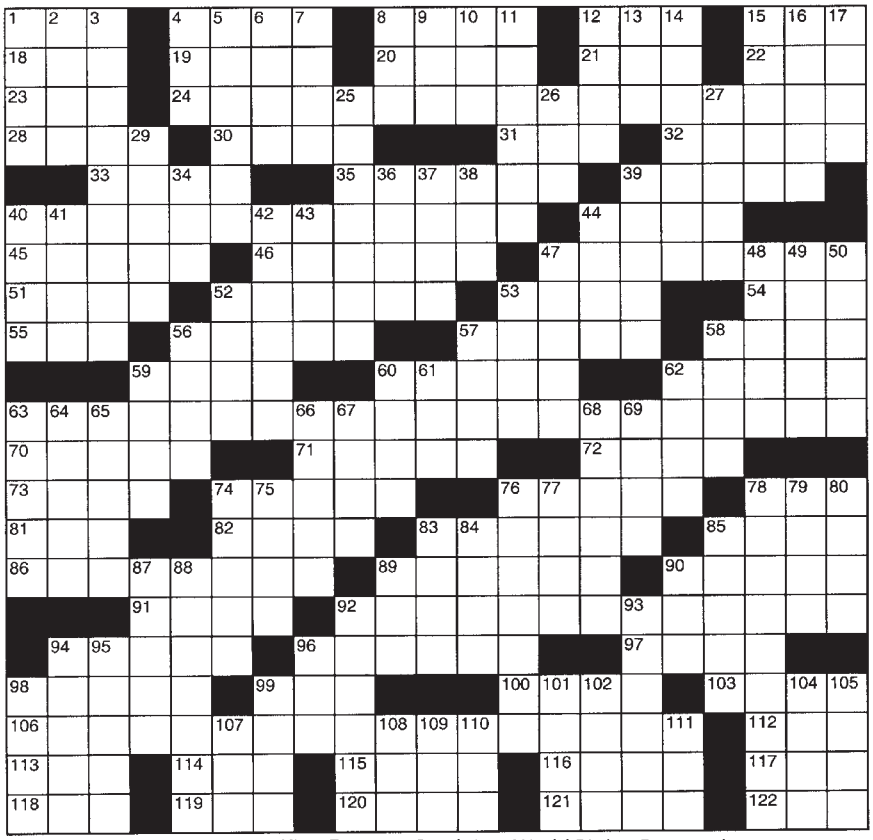

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some changes might seem confusing at first, especially to an Aries whose impatience levels are pretty shaky this week. Take it one step at a time, Lamb, and soon all will be made clear.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That difficult situation you've been dealing with continues to call for careful handling. Avoid quickly made choices that might not stand up when they're finally put to the test.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still have lots of evaluating to do before you can consider making a commitment. It's better to move cautiously than to risk stumbling into a major misunderstanding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A previously peevish partner offers to be more helpful with your problems. But remember: The final choice is yours. Be guided by what you feel is the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the Big Cat, you can sometimes be pretty rough on those you suspect of betrayal. The best advice is to pull in those claws and listen to the explanation. It might surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your inner voice usually guides you well. But a note of caution: This is a period of mixed signals for you, so be careful you don't misunderstand the messages you're getting.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cupid's call beckons both single Librans looking for a new love, as well as couples hoping to strengthen their relationships. A workplace problem is quickly resolved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's been a hectic time for you, and you might want to take a break to restore both body and soul. You'll then be set to face new challenges later this month.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good idea to take a more conservative approach to your financial situation right now. Some plans made earlier this year might need readjusting.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a fine time to move boldly into those new opportunities I promised would open up for you. Check them over, and then choose the best one for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. Your self-assurance is growing stronger, and you should now feel more confident about making that long-deferred decision about a possible commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're very close to reaching your goal. But be wary of distractions that can lure you off-course and leave you stranded far away from where you really want to be.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an inner sight that helps you see into people's hearts. You would be an excellent psychologist or social worker.

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sing a song, read a story, do a skit or simply say Happy Holidays. All tapings will be played on the local access channels throughout the holidays. Tapings will take place **December 5 to 9** at ORCTV 345 Front St. Marion. You must reserve a time by calling 508-748-1600 or email kim@orctv.org. This is great for businesses, families, youth, town departments and organizations.

BoxTops for Education

Please help support the Center School and save your BoxTops and Campbell's soup labels. Funding from these products helps pay for transportation to field trips and recess equipment. Community collection boxes for the BoxTops and soup labels are located at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the children's room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and the Mattapoisett Senior Center in the Center School on Barstow Street. Thank you for supporting your local school!

CRN Thanksgiving Baskets

Community Resources Network (CRN) is asking the public's support to help provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Wareham, Rochester, Marion, Buzzard's Bay and Onset. For the past 20 years, contributions have made it possible for CRN to fill baskets with turkeys and all the fixings that provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for hundreds of Families.

Food donations – any nonperishable items – may be delivered to the First Congregational Church Hall, 1 Gibbs Avenue in Wareham on Sunday, **November 20** starting at 2:30 pm All contributions are welcomed, including monetary ones which help to purchase additional items needed.

The baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, **November 22** at the Congregational Church Hall between 10:00 am and noon. If you know of a family who may need a basket, please call the Community Resources Network Office at 508-295-0080 beginning November 2.

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Rochester Women's Club News

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Rochester Board of Appeals 11/10, 11/17

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
#1008

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Andrea and Donald King, 425 Neck Road, Assessors plan 26 lot 16. The petitioner is seeking a variance from setback requirements under Section VIII.B.1. The hearing will be held on December 8, 2011, 7:45 pm at the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room.

Rochester Board of Appeals 11/10, 11/17

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
#1009

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Andrea and Donald King, 425 Neck Road, Assessors plan 26 lot 16. The petitioners are seeking a variance under Section VIII.C.c. to allow a 20' x 20' guest house with an 8'x 20' covered porch.. The hearing will be held on December 8, 2011, 8:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room.

Rochester Board of Appeals 11/10, 11/17

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
#1010

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Steven L. Demmer, 449 North Avenue, Assessors plan 44A lot 16, who is seeking a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.C.2. The hearing will be on Thursday, December 8, 2011, 8:10 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 11/17, 11/24

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
LEGAL NOTICE
ROAD CLOSING

The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on November 27, 2011.

Leona C. Mansfield
William E. Mansfield 11/17, 11/24

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Continued Public Hearing on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Carlos & Aldora Pacheco.

The Applicants propose to construct an 8 ft. addition to the rear porch, to construct a front porch and garage additions to the single family dwelling and to upgrade the existing septic system to Title 5 Compliance by installing a 1,500 gallon septic tank and leaching field.

The proposed work will occur partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone AE (El. 14).

The project is located at 133 Brandt Island Road and is further identified as Lot #34 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #14B. 11/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on Notice of Intent submitted by: SITEC, Inc. 449 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA on behalf of John Maffei, 192 Mystic Drive, Marston Mills, MA 02648. The proposed project is to construct a single-family home with associated grading and utilities.

The project is located at 32 Prince Snow Circle, and is further identified as Lot 28 on Assessor Map 23A.

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission 11/17

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Sunday November 20, 2011
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – The Register's Report
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way For Seniors
7:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
7:30 PM – Older and Loving It
8:00 PM – Sound Off
9:30 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday November 21, 2011
8:00 AM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM – Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM – Army Newswatch
10:30 AM – White House Chronicle
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM – Global 3000
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday November 22, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - ATU and the Community
3:00 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
5:30 PM • Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
11:00 PM – Free Minds TV
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday November 23, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
9:00AM – Emily's Garden
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday November 24, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday November 25, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Emily's Garden
3:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
3:30 PM - Global 3000
5:00 PM – Explore
5:30 PM – Earth Focus
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday November 26, 2011
7:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM – NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish – With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM – The Garage
2:00 PM – Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM – Emily's Garden
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee
11:15 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Common Cents – Financial Literacy for Teens
9:00 AM – ORR Suites and Sweets Concert 2011
10:00 AM – ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
11:00 AM – ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects – 'PSAs'
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS - Haunted Laboratory
2:00 PM - Common Cents – Financial Literacy for Teens
3:00 PM - ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
4:00 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects – 'PSAs'
5:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
6:00 PM - ORRHS - Haunted Laboratory
7:00 PM – ORR Suites and Sweets Concert 2011
8:00 PM – ORRHS – Video Journalism Class Projects – 'Student PSAs'
8:30 PM - ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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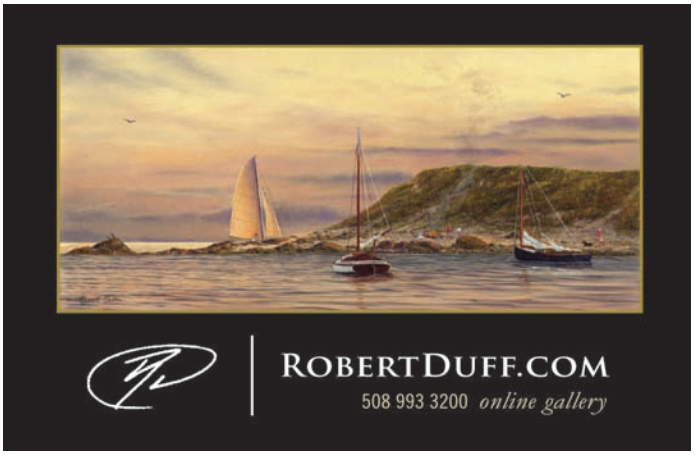

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Order your Thanksgiving pies. They will be homemade by Club members. To order, call 508-322-0998 before **November 17**. Pumpkin, squash or apple are available for $12 each. Pick them up on Tuesday, November 17 at the Clubhouse at 37 Marion Road in Rochester between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Leave a message for a call back.

• **Daytrip** – Members and guests of the Rochester Women's Club are planning a daytrip to Boston on Thursday, November 10. The trip by train will feature shopping, lunch, and either the Freedom Trail or the Degas exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts.

This event has been organized not only to enrich the cultural and educational life of participants, but also to offer women interested in exploring the club an opportunity to spend some time with members. The club is particularly interested in inviting women formerly active in the club to consider re-joining. New members are also most welcome.

If interested in carpooling to the train station, meet at the clubhouse on Marion Road at 7:15 am. Otherwise, plan to meet at the Lakeville/Middleboro train station for the 8:00 am train. (Roundtrip tickets are $15.50 each). The train will arrive in Boston at 9:06 am. On arrival in Boston, participants will be free to shop and then meet for lunch at a pre-designated restaurant.

After lunch, if the weather is good, the afternoon will feature a walking tour of the Freedom Trail (free). If the weather is not so great, the afternoon will feature an MFA exhibit by Degas featuring the female nude (General Admission ticket including Degas exhibit - Adult $22, Senior $20).

The group will return home on the 5:12 pm train, arriving in Lakeville at 6:17 pm. If interested in attending,

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3. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iraq?
4. RELIGION: In Western churches, what day is set aside for the Feast of St. Stephen?
5. SCIENCE: What is the Latin word and chemistry symbol for lead?
6. MOVIES: What 1969 movie was made from a Philip Roth novel and starred Richard Benjamin and Ali MacGraw?
7. PULITZER PRIZE: What was the title of Charles Lindbergh's autobiography, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1953?
8. LITERATURE: What 1920s novel features a narrator named Nick Carraway?
9. LANGUAGE: What is a fata morgana?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water does the Mississippi River flow into?

Answers
1. Pituitary gland
2. A blue sailor suit
3. The dinar
4. Dec. 26
5. Plumbum (Pb)
6. "Goodbye, Columbus"
7. "The Spirit of St. Louis"
8. "The Great Gatsby"
9. A mirage
10. Gulf of Mexico

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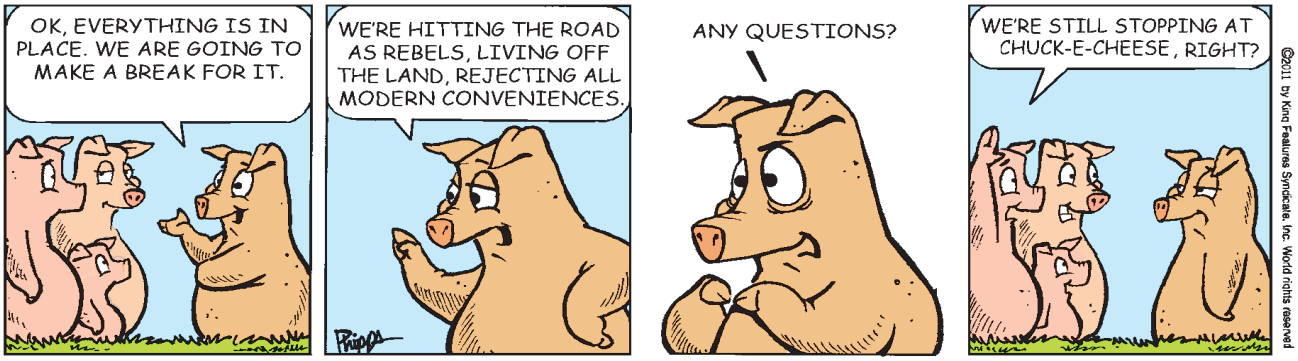
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



please contact President Marsha Hartley via e-mail at OldeMaidsInc@aol.com or by calling 508-322-0998.

Greater New Bedford Internships

Have you thought about hosting an intern, but were unsure about what to do? The Greater New Bedford Connecting Activities Partnership has released an employer's guide to internships titled "Making the Workplace a Learning Place" for local employers who need more information about their program and internships.

Included in the guide are the benefits of hosting an intern, how internships are structured and what to expect, the roles of those involved with the internship, and how to successfully orientate, supervise and evaluate an intern.

Internships are beneficial to employers, students and schools. Giving students the opportunity to expand knowledge gained in the classroom and apply it in a work setting improves our workforce skill level and the overall quality of life in the community.

Staff at the Connecting Activities Partnership have placed over 400 students from Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Global Learning Charter Public School, New Bedford High School, and Old Rochester High School in internships with approximately 150 local employers during the current academic year.

Help the SouthCoast retain an educated workforce by reading the new guide and deciding to host an intern at your company. The internship guide can be found at NewBedfordChamber.com/wp-content/uploads/internship_guide.pdf.

The Greater New Bedford Connecting Activities Partnership, a collaboration of the City of New Bedford Office of the Mayor, the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council, Bristol Community College and the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, promotes the connecting of academic and workplace learning through Connecting Activities workplace internships. Area employers assist High School seniors to make more informed decisions about their future education and career choices.

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Don't forget to wish these people a Happy Birthday!

Braden MacDonald	November 17
Maureen Muldoon	November 17
Thomas Miller	November 17
Julian E. Bolduc	November 18
Howard Keeler	November 19
Kara Hughes	November 19
Michelle Lavoie	November 19
Ali Taylor	November 20
Jennifer Aguiar	November 20
Zachary Steed	November 21
Cecilia Chaples	November 22
Jeffrey Michael Mello	November 22
Logan Perry	November 22
James Cannell	November 23
Olivia Silva	November 23
Owen Moncino	November 23

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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This program will benefit elders 60 years of age or older who live on fixed incomes.

Fuel assistance may be provided for oil, gas, electric, propane, or other fuels. Contact the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 for details.

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Dog Licensing** - If your dog has not been licensed for 2011, please do so as soon as possible. The second late fee of $20 is now in effect. If your dog is male/female the fee is now $32, if your dog has been spayed/neutered the fee is now $29, this includes the $20 late fee. Current rabies certificate must be on file before a license can be issued.

• **Mooring Inspections** – If your mooring number is preceded by a letter (A-H), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the Town Clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the Clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form.

• **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students – Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) – they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2.

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• **February 5**, 2012, "Suites and Sweets" – Former Music Director Daniel Lasdow will conduct a concert of suites and other pieces for concert band. Current Music Director and euphonium player Philip Sanborn will be the featured soloist.

• **March 18**, 2012, "German Gems" – Original compositions for band by former Music Director George Dietzler will be framed by transcriptions from the German masters. Violinist Jesse Holstein will be the featured soloist.

• **June 17**, 2012, "Three Generations of Disney" – The 10th Annual Benefit Pops Concert will be held at Tabor Academy, in a grand tent, and highlight the three generations of music from the world of Walt Disney. Ice cream, cupcakes and cappuccino will highlight this festive event.

For more detailed information, please visit: TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

Elizabeth Taber Library

• Marion Writer's Group – The Marion Writers Group will meet Sunday, **November 20** at 1:00 pm at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Writers are encouraged to bring a recent work which they would like to share with the group, be it fiction or non-fiction, or would like to discuss their experiences about writing or publishing.

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Plans for the New Year are to have a special event with refreshments and a movie. The group would like it to feature mothers dialoging with their daughters about the advances women have made as a result of the Second Wave of the Women's Liberation Movement. The teapot is on!

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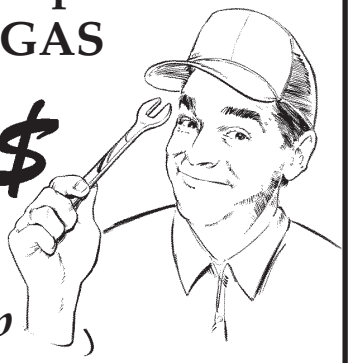
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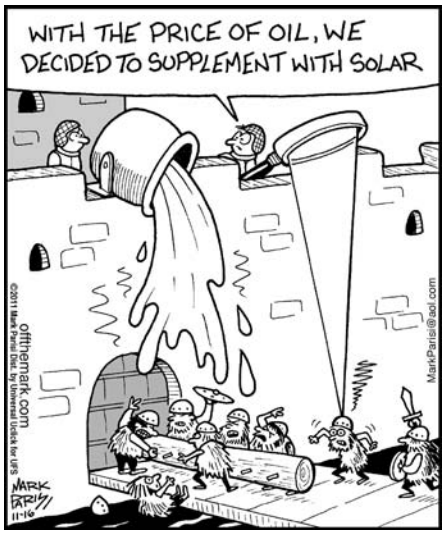

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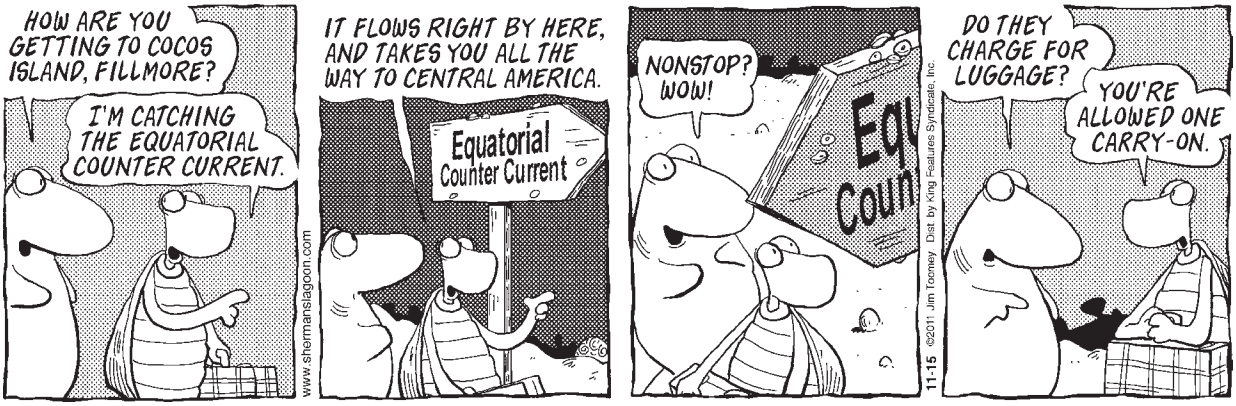

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Marion Council on Aging

• **Z Tickets** – The Marion Council on Aging has discounted tickets to the Zeiterion Theatre. Please call for a listing of events and times.

• **YMCA Trips** – The Marion Council on Aging van is currently providing transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. Call the COA for details: 508-748-3570.

• **Donations Needed** – The council is seeking donations of used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club. A drop box is located outside the office door on Spring Street.

• **Grocery Shopping** – A change in the grocery shopping schedule has occurred. The first and third Wednesday of the month the COA will be providing transportation to the Wareham area, the first and third Wednesdays to Market Basket in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Price Rite. Pick up begins at 12:45 pm. Passengers must call the office to reserve a spot.

• **Shopping Trips** – The Marion Council on Aging has scheduled the following trips: **November 15** – Wrentham Mall; **November 29** – Trader Joe's, Christmas Tree Shop, Sam Diego's, Hyannis; **December 6** – Christmas Display at Jordan Furniture. All trips will leave at 10:00 am. Lunch is on your own and a free will donation toward the cost of transportation is always appreciated. Please call the office to reserve your spot.

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
November 17:	Thurs.	. . .	12:05	4:56	5:48
November 18:	Fri.	12:46	1:01	6:00	6:54
November 19:	Sat.	1:42	2:01	7:19	8:03
November 20:	Sun.	2:41	3:03	8:42	9:01
November 21:	Mon.	3:42	4:06	9:48	9:52
November 22:	Tues.	4:41	5:05	10:45	10:41
November 23:	Wed.	5:38	6:01	11:39	11:30
November 24:	Thurs.	6:31	6:54	. . .	12:32
November 25:	Fri.	7:23	7:45	12:19	1:25
November 26:	Sat.	8:14	8:37	1:09	2:16
November 27:	Sun.	9:06	9:29	1:59	3:04
November 28:	Mon.	9:59	10:23	2:49	3:51
November 29:	Tues.	10:52	11:18	3:38	4:36
November 30:	Wed.	11:46	. . .	4:30	5:23
December 1:	Thurs.	12:14	12:41	5:29	6:17
December 2:	Fri.	1:07	1:33	6:50	7:15
December 3:	Sat.	2:01	2:28	8:38	8:10
December 4:	Sun.	2:56	3:23	9:33	8:56

Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter	November 18th
New Moon	November 25th
First Quarter	December 2nd
Full Moon	December 10th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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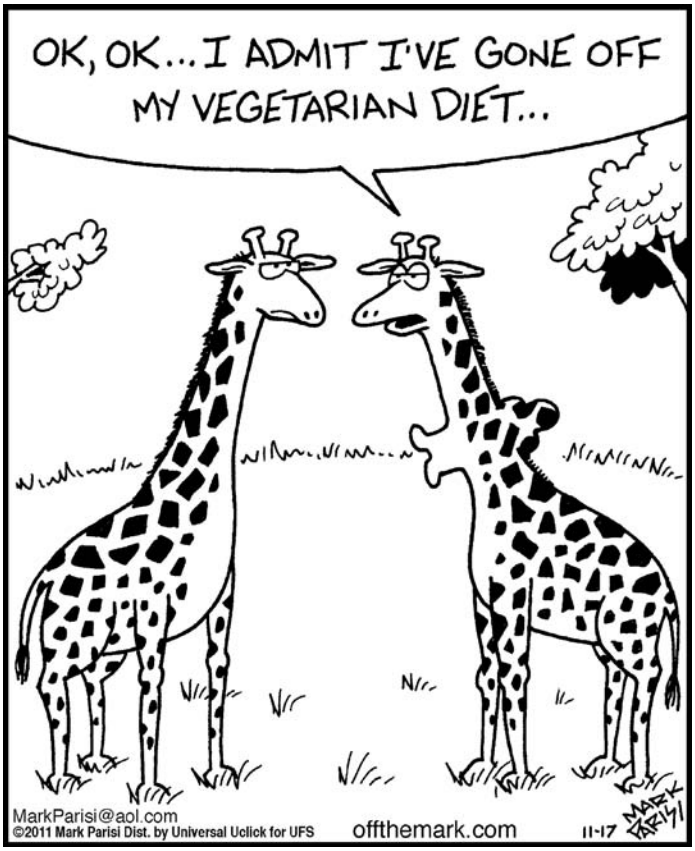
In the November 10, 2011 issue the Aardvark was on page 25!

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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